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Funding blow for markets

MARKET traders are the latest group to fall victim to East Cambridgeshire District Council's savage cost cutting drive.

For years, the council has bought and provided stalls for Ely's market traders.

Council employees can also be seen on the Market Place early in the morning, erecting the stalls ready for traders to start selling their wares.

But from April, those arrangements end.

In a bid to strip £31,000 from this year's budget, the cash-strapped authority has told stallholders they will have to purchase their own stalls.

Traders, regardless of their age or fitness, will also have to set them up themselves.

The council estimates the changes will save it just over £3,000 each year for repair and maintenance of the stalls and £28,000 in staff costs.

But furious traders have blasted the move and warned it could "destroy" all of Ely's Thursday, Saturday and special occasion markets.

Audrey Cutter, 68, runs the Audrey's Pantry stall with her disabled husband Arthur, also 68. She said the changes could be "catastrophic", both for them and many other local market stallholders.

BY JORDAN DAY

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Mrs Cutter said: "I'm going to have to seriously reduce the selection of goods that I normally sell.

"We don't have a trailer or lorry so I'm going to have to buy a stall that fits in the car, which obviously is going to be a lot smaller than I usually have.

"It's just awful news and it could have catastrophic effects on the markets.

"There's no way that myself or Arthur can physically put up a stall either.

"I really don't know what the future holds."

Another stallholder, who has been running a stall on Ely's markets for almost 10 years, said: "The council has come to this decision without any consultation at all.

"They don't give a damn about us or what happens to the city's markets, which I think is unbelievable.

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Reprieve: art lovers from across the Ely area are celebrating after the region's much-loved arts provider, ADeC, survived East Cambridgeshire District Council's plan to bring the organisation in-house. But while ADeC will live on, it will do so with a reduced budget. Pictured after hearing last week's news are staff, front, Natalie Szulc and Zoe Davidson with, back from left, Audrey Pam, Caroline Cawley and Digby Chacksfield. See full story – Page 9. Picture: Keith Heppell 623581.

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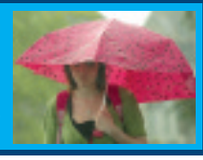

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Back on the streets

SENIOR officers arrested 24 people in a crackdown on drugs, theft, burglary, assault and criminal damage in Fenland, Huntingdon, St Ives and St Neots.

A further 18 people were taken to police stations as the officers responded to the initiative, part of Operation Dexter, in which senior officers take to the streets to keep them in touch with policing on the front line.

Det Chief Insp Ian Tandy said: "It was another successful day and senior officers all commented on how useful it is to be involved at the front end of policing.

"It was great to see the teamwork between uniformed officers and CID which led to such a large number of arrests."

The move repeated an operation where senior officers went back on the streets last October.

Information about criminal activity can be given to police on 0345 4564564 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Pair's lucky escape

A WOMAN and an eight-month-old boy were involved in a crash.

The incident, which happened on the A1123, Hill Row causeway, at Haddenham, involved one car which overturned.

An ambulance was called to the scene at 4.12pm last Thursday.

A spokeswoman for the East of England Ambulance Service said the woman and child did not suffer any injuries.

Fire crews attended but they were not required as the woman and child were not trapped.

Coins go in burglary

JEWELLERY and coins have been stolen during a burglary in Littleport.

The incident happened in Friars Way some time between 1.30pm last Thursday and 3pm the following day.

The offenders gained entry to the house by jemmying the ground floor window.

They then left through the back door.

Anyone with any information is urged to call police on 0345 4564564.

Yard break-in bid

TRESPASSERS attempted to break into a yard in Wilburton.

A chain-link fence surrounding the property, in Twentypence Road, was cut with bolt cutters.

But it appears the offenders were disturbed.

The incident happened at around 8pm on Saturday.

Anyone with any information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Nothing for raiders

SUTTON'S Elean Business Park has again been targeted by offenders.

An office door on the park was forced but nothing was stolen from inside.

The latest incident follows a recent spate of thefts on the business park and happened overnight last Friday.

Anyone who saw anything suspicious should call police on 0345 4564564.

Arty fun: above, Holly Storm, 1. Right, Lorraine Broadbent, who has launched Little Painters, with some of the tiny tots' work.

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Hands on: Honey Jennings, 18 months. Below, Henrietta Guyer, 16 months, makes a polar bear.

Pictures: Richard Patterson 622002/3.

Budding little painters get creative

A MUM from Ely has launched a new arts and crafts club for toddlers.

Little Painters is the brainchild of Lorraine Broadbent, who decided to start the sessions after seeing how much her own children loved to get creative.

The club is running at The Forum in Barton Road and is aimed at children aged 1 to 4.

Their parents and carers are also welcome to join in with the fun.

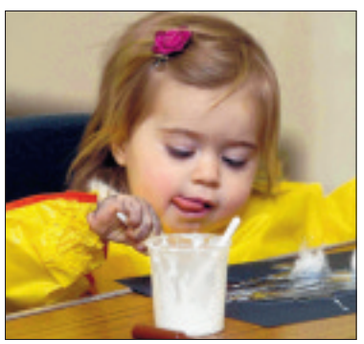
Mrs Broadbent said: "My children absolutely love drawing, painting and making things at home.

"Then I realised there wasn't really any sort of arts and crafts club for children in Ely so decided to do something about it.

"The sessions are friendly and designed to allow little ones to let off some steam."

The club is running every Monday from 10-10.45am and bookings are required.

For more details visit *www.littlepainters.co.uk*



Man's death was caused by drink-driver brother

A DRUNKEN driver who killed his brother in a high-speed smash – and then claimed his dead sibling had been behind the wheel – has been jailed for five years.

Mark Raftery had drunk around three times the drink-drive limit and was travelling at an estimated 90mph when he lost control of a powerful Subaru Impreza on a bend, killing his brother Kevin.

Cambridge Crown Court heard that Raftery, 37, of Elwyn Road, March, had a string of previous convictions for driving while disqualified and excess alcohol offences.

Judge Gareth Hawkesworth told him: "You have an appalling driving record. The only mitigation for this offence is the fact that you have lost your brother and pleaded guilty."

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Raftery admitted causing death by dangerous driving in October 2008, an excess alcohol offence, driving while disqualified and not having any insurance.

In addition to the five-year prison sentence, Raftery was also banned from driving for seven years and ordered to take a retest.

The court heard that Raftery tried to claim his brother had been behind the wheel, despite being in the driving seat when emergency services rescued him from the smash by the A141 Isle of Ely Way, near March.

Claire Matthews, prosecuting, said Raftery lost control on a bend and the car spun backwards into a ditch, causing extensive damage to the vehicle and leaving his brother dead from multiple injuries. Raftery suffered a broken collar bone.

Jailed: drunken driver Mark Raftery caused the death of his brother when he lost control on a bend.

Miss Matthews said: "A witness living in a caravan 30 feet from the bend remembered hearing a whooshing sound as if the car was in top gear and giving it everything, followed by a bang and then silence."

She said Raftery gave a blood sample three hours after the crash and a calculation was made that he was just under three times the drink-drive limit at the time of the crash. His speed was estimated at 90mph.

Raftery, who had 19 convictions for 41 offences, told police his brother had been driving, but Miss Matthews said the evidence he was the driver was "overwhelming".

Caroline Allison, mitigating, said: "He has to accept he was responsible for the death of his brother, which will live with him for the rest of his life. Any sentence . . . will not punish him as much as he has punished himself."

Row continues over care costs

A DISPUTE over the care of a severely disabled boy from Cambridgeshire is becoming even more complex.

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) is accusing Orkney Islands Council (OIC) of hampering attempts to resolve the bitter row.

CCC is currently trying to find a solution to the case of a 6-year-old boy from Orkney, who suffers from a congenital heart condition.

The child, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was born in Orkney but was sent to live with relatives in Cambridgeshire in 2005 because his parents were unable to care for him.

Orkney, which had provided financial assistance, stopped payments because it said Cambridgeshire was responsible.

The English council said Orkney should pay because the boy was born there.

But CCC claims OIC is refusing to co-operate.

As reported in the *Weekly News* last month, both local authorities were criticised by a judge who described the impact of the funding row on the boy's carers as "cataclysmic" and referred the case to the UK and Scottish governments.

Cambridgeshire has agreed to make temporary payments until the issue is resolved.

The child's foster mother, Mrs O, has now written to Prime Minister Gordon Brown urging him to intervene. She has also lodged a petition on the Downing Street website calling for a parliamentary debate and change in the law to prevent Scottish councils from stopping payments when a child is placed with foster carers in England.

Little fundraisers: pupils at the Lantern Primary School raised money for the Haiti earthquake relief effort by dressing up in country's red and blue colours.

Picture: Keith Heppell 623089.

Lantern pupils light the way

CHILDREN from the Lantern Primary School in Ely have raised £724 for those affected by the devastating Haiti earthquake.

Since the catastrophic quake on January 12, teachers have been doing a range of activities to ensure that pupils know all about the effect it has had on the island.

There have been assemblies to inform the youngsters about how many people have died and how millions have been left homeless.

Classes have also been shown media articles to help them grasp the reality of the quake and last Friday, pupils were encouraged to take part in a sponsored non-uniform day.

It saw them wearing red and blue garments to represent the colours of Haiti's flag.

Year 1 teacher, Emma Rushden, who helped to organise the non-uniform day, said: "We are so pleased with the amount we raised.

"I only thought we would raise around £200, which still would have been brilliant.

"We asked parents to donate at least a pound and we had so many handing in five pounds and more.

"It really shows how much the Haiti earthquake is affecting us all and we are delighted that the Lantern has been able to help."

Stallholders slam council over cuts

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"I am now going to have to seriously consider whether I can continue trading."

Haddenham resident Jane Howell, who used to run an antique jewellery stall in Saffron Walden, added: "ECDC has obviously not thought this through.

"The very heart of what makes Ely such an attractive place for residents, visitors, and tourists is being jeopardised."

The Ely Traders' Association, which has made calls for improvements to the city's markets over the years, is also backing the stallholders.

Elaine Griffin-Singh, association chairman, said: "We have written to ECDC about this – we don't see how they can do this without even speaking to the stallholders.

"Ely is renowned for its markets and we think there is still a lot of room for improvement.

"These changes will do nothing but put traders off selling here and thus, kill the markets off."

However, Brian Ashton, vice-chair of the authority's community services committee, said the decision had already been made.

He said: "Those affected by this decision will obviously not like it very much.

"But the council is in a tough position financially and these cuts are urgently needed."

■ What do you think? Is it fair to ask traders to buy and erect their own stalls, or will this move destroy the city's markets? Email your letters to *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

Bus route is axed, services reduced

BUSES users in Ely and surrounding villages have falled victim to the credit crunch.

The *Weekly News* can reveal that the Ely town service, 9A, will be axed as of next month.

Also, the X9 and 9 routes between Ely and Cambridge, which currently run half-hourly all day long, will only operate hourly at off-peak times.

The number 10 between Cambridge, Burwell and Newmarket, is also being reduced from half-hourly to hourly off-peak.

The new bus timetable will come into force on February 14 and will see alterations made to services across the county.

Stagecoach, which runs the majority of the region's services, announced the cuts this week.

The news follows the company's analysis of everything from the number of people who use each service to how much it costs to run each route.

Philip Norwell, commercial director for Stagecoach in Cambridgeshire, said: "We are in a recession and it has affected us.

"We have had to review our services."

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But the Mayor of Ely, Cllr Richard Hobbs, said it was "devastating news" for residents.

He said: "There are people out there who rely on buses, whether it is to get to work, to get from A to B or to get to the doctors even.

"I understand times are hard and cuts need to be made but this just seems to be a short-sighted, backward step to me."

Regular bus user, Jim Patrick, from Ely, accused Stagecoach of being "sneaky" with the cuts.

He said: "It is such a shame that the cuts are being made.

"I am sure they are inevitable due to financial pressures and lack of passengers but the amount of notice required by the law that Stagecoach needs to give is just 56 days.

"It is very sneaky of them to flag these cuts up just days before Christmas, giving the local authorities little time to look at the full implications."

However, Philip Eden, transport representative for the City of Ely Council, said: "Stagecoach has made this decision purely on a commercial basis and the amount of people generally using buses now is low.

"It is disappointing that Ely's services are being affected but there is one big advantage with the new scheme and that is that people coming into Ely from all four directions will now arrive in Ely's Market Street at the same time, making their further journeys more efficient.

"The train services between Ely and Cambridge are also extremely quick now, which has definitely affected the city's bus services."

Cllr Mac McGuire, Cambridgeshire County Council cabinet member for highways and access, said the authority would look at how it could help fill the gaps in service.

He said: "We are now considering if mitigating arrangements are possible, and will look to negotiate and organise these arrangements.

"However, given the extreme financial pressures affecting the authority at present a number of difficult decisions will have to be taken before we could look to subsidise any of the routes affected."

> "I understand times are hard and cuts need to be made but this just seems to be a short-sighted, backward step to me."
>
> **Ely mayor Richard Hobbs**

Ely county councillor, Nigel Bell, a member of the East Cambridgeshire Environment and Transport Area Committee said: "These changes demonstrate just how the county's rural communities are at the mercy of a bus company that effectively has a monopoly on services.

"With the county council cuts to bus subsidies over the last few years, the county council portfolio holder is already indicating that these changes are unlikely to be mitigated by extra subsidised services.

"It is an appalling situation that has been allowed to develop and a root and branch reform of how the county's bus services are regulated and funded needs to be carried out."

Chimney fire sparks warning

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a chimney fire in Little Downham.

The blaze broke out at a property in Main Street at around 6.45pm last Friday.

One crew from Ely and another crew from Littleport arrived to find a fire involving the wooden surround of the fireplace and the insulation.

The cause of the blaze was accidental.

A spokeswoman for the fire service said: "We would recommend all residents with open fires ensure that they have their chimneys swept at least once a year, and that they inspect the brickwork of the chimney to ensure that there are no cracks or bricks missing.

"Above all, residents need to ensure that they have a working smoke alarm so that if a fire does occur, it is quickly detected and everyone is able to get out of the home safely."

To book a free home fire safety check, contact the fire service on 0800 917 9994 and quote code PSO.

Fond farewell: archdeacons John Beer and Hugh McCurdy with Dr Anthony Russell and wife Sheila.
Pictures: Richard Patterson 623391.

Bishop says goodbye at special ceremony

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THE Bishop of Ely officially retired last weekend.

Churchgoers from across the region flocked to Ely Cathedral on Saturday to pay tribute to the Right Reverend Dr Anthony Russell.

A special service was held for him to preach his last sermon, and the congregation recalled Dr Russell's leadership within the Diocese of Ely.

He was also thanked for his outstanding contribution to diocesan life during his 10 year ministry.

The Dean of Ely, Dr Michael Chandler, said: "During Bishop Anthony Russell's time at Ely, there have been numerous initiatives with regard to mission and evangelisation.

"Much work has been done establishing Christian communities in the extensive new housing areas in the diocese.

"The Bishop has always been there to encourage, suggest and give the proper sense of direction and to provide a steady hand on the tiller.

"We all hope he will have a happy and fruitful retirement with his wife, Sheila, and his family in Oxfordshire.

"His will be a hard act to follow."

In his sermon, Dr Russell thanked everyone for their kindness and support "in such a generous and affirmative way" during his time in the diocese.

He added: "It has been a particular privilege to be the 68th Bishop of Ely and to serve during the period in which the diocese has been celebrating its 900th anniversary," he said.

Retiring: the Right Reverend Dr Anthony Russell. 623394.

"I pay tribute to all those who have played a part in organising local and diocesan events, clergy conferences, exhausting walks to Cambridge, the visits to the diocese from both archbishops, the Royal visit in November, enjoyable events in schools and with children in parishes, and a host of other local occasions.

"I am grateful to the parishes for the enthusiasm with which this initiative has been taken up," he added.

The Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, blessed the bishop and Mrs Russell.

Dr Russell, who comes from a farming family, was installed as the 68th Bishop of Ely in the year 2000 and is one of the longest serving bishops in the Church of England.

He was educated at Uppingham School, at St Chad's College, Durham, and afterwards at Trinity College, Oxford, where he gained a DPhil, writing on the professionalisation of the clergy in the 19th century.

He attended Cuddesdon Theological College and was ordained in 1970 to serve as a curate in the Hilborough Group of parishes in West Norfolk.

In 1983 he was appointed Canon Theologian of Coventry Cathedral and was also appointed a Chaplain to the Queen.

He was appointed area Bishop of Dorchester in the Diocese of Oxford in 1988.

Dr Russell also continues to take a keen interest in rural affairs and in the farming community and has been president of Cambridge ACRE and many other Cambridgeshire organisations.

The bishop is closely involved in the life of the University of Cambridge and is the visitor of St John's College, Jesus College and Peterhouse.

He is also a well-known speaker and commentator on agricultural affairs in a range of capacities, including as a member of the House of Lords since 2007 and fellow of the Royal Agricultural Society from 2008.

The Bishop of Huntingdon will be responsible for Dr Russell's duty until the appointment of a new bishop later this year.

Dr Thomson will have oversight of the diocese until a new Bishop of Ely is installed.

The new bishop could be named in July and be in office by the end of the year.

Police search for crash cars

POLICE are asking witnesses to a six-vehicle collision at Six Mile Bottom to come forward.

The crash happened on the A11 southbound carriageway at 6.55am last Friday.

Six vehicles were involved in the incident but two left the scene, and police would like to trace them.

The two unknown vehicles are believed to have been stationary on the road when the collision happened.

It is believed one of the vehicles that left the scene was a large blue 4x4 or a goods vehicle that may have been badly damaged.

The other four vehicles involved in the collision were a Ford Mondeo, a Ford Focus, a Fiat Punto, and a Peugeot 306.

The drivers received minor injuries.

Anyone who witnessed the collision, or has any other information, should contact Pc Steve Gedny on 0345 456 4564 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Times writer's tale of a man

AUTHOR and historian Ben Macintyre is coming to Ely next week.

Mr Macintyre, who is also a columnist in *The Times* newspaper, will be at Toppings Bookshop on Wednesday, February 3, to talk about his book, *The Story of the Man Who Never Was.*

The event starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 each.

For tickets, visit the shop, call (01353) 645005 or go to *www.toppingbooks.co.uk*

Stolen bikes left in hedge

TWO bicycles have been stolen from a house in Soham.

The cycles were outside the front door of a property in Campion Close when they were taken.

They were later found abandoned in a hedge.

The incident happened overnight on January 20.

Anyone with any information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Time to talk watches

"WHO were the watchmakers?" – that's the title of the Friends of Ely Museum's next talk.

Stephen Watkinson will host the event on Thursday, February 4.

The talk starts at 7.30pm at the museum's Vernon Cross Room.

Entry is £1.50 for members and £2 for non-members, which includes refreshments and a raffle.

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Ancient healing in your hands

A UNIQUE healing exercise known as Dragon and Tiger Chi Kung has been launched near Ely.

Vicki Martin, who lives in Wicken, has started teaching one-to-one lessons and weekly classes on the 1,500-year-old healing system.

Similar to Tai Chi – but with only seven movements – it is believed Dragon and Tiger traces back to the Shaolin Monastery, where it would have been practised by monks to prepare the body and mind for meditation.

A local massage therapist, Mrs Martin completed her training for it last year and is now inviting residents to try it out for themselves.

She said: "The way Dragon and Tiger works has similarities with acupuncture – it is truly holistic.

"You use your hands and your intent to clear out energy blockages in your system, you learn to develop and maintain focus and internal awareness and you get a thorough all-over body workout at the same time."

Mrs Martin is also organising weekend workshops. For more information, call her on (01353) 624284 or visit *www.morealive.co.uk*

Exercise: Vicki Martin demonstrates some of the Dragon and Tiger Chi Kung movements. CP

Potty thieves take loo

A LOO has been stolen by thieves.

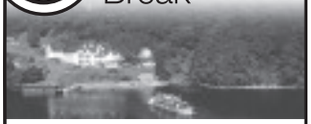
The bizarre theft happened in Witchford on Monday morning.

The plastic blue portaloo was on the side of the road at the junction of Red Fen Road and Grunty Fen Road when it was taken.

The incident happened some time between 7am and 11am.

Anyone with any information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Ceilidh Break



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Tragedy followed warning on drugs

LOCUM doctors employed by an out-of-hours GP service had been warned about the risk of overdoses just weeks before a patient died from one, and inquest heard.

German locum Daniel Ubani, 67, gave kidney stone-sufferer David Gray, from Manea, 10 times the recommended dose of painkiller diamorphine and he died three hours later.

An inquest into Mr Gray's death heard that one month before the tragedy, Ubani's employers, Take Care Now (TCN), issued a letter to all clinical staff warning about lethal doses of diamorphine.

It told how "weakness in our system" had to be addressed before it leads to "to an overdose and a patient's death".

The letter followed two incidents where TCN doctors had mistakenly given patients 30mg doses of diamorphine – three times the safe dose – causing respiratory failure.

Both patients had to be resuscitated in hospital but survived.

Dr Christopher Browning, clinical governance lead for TCN, told the inquest, in Wisbech, he said in the letter that out-of-hours doctors must contact their duty managers before opening a palliative care box – where the large doses were kept.

He said the check had to be done to ensure no more overdoses occurred.

"This is a systematic failure in our system which we must take steps to remedy," said Dr Browning in the letter.

Carol Leonard, a part-time nurse for TCN, told the inquest she reported Dr Ubani to her superiors due to his "odd" behaviour.

Mrs Leonard, who was working with Dr Ubani at Newmarket Hospital the day after he visited 70-year-old Mr Gray at his home, said that he asked her what dosage of Ibuprofen he should give to a patient.

"He needed help on three occasions," said Mrs Leonard.

She described how on one occasion, he asked for help filling out a prescription before he had seen the patient.

Overdose: David Gray.

She said: "I thought it was a bit odd, firstly not knowing the dose for a drug which is very common, then to prescribe before he saw a patient – so I decided to ring the centre in Ipswich to voice my concerns."

The inquest, being heard by Cambridgeshire North and East Coroner William Morris, is also examining the death of another of Dr Ubani's patients.

Iris Edwards, who lived in a care home in Ely, died of a heart attack the day after she was treated by Dr Ubani.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the inquest last week heard from Mr Gray's partner of 28 years, Lynda Bubb, who said Dr Ubani had had difficulty communicating with them.

She said: "He hardly spoke at all and muttered a lot. The doctor seemed a bit dithery. He was muttering to himself. He did not speak very much English but what he said I understood.

"He seemed very tired and not as alert as he could have been as a doctor. I explained the situation and said David needed pain relief and because we knew they did not carry pethidine, I talked about diamorphine.

"He was talking to himself and did not seem sure how much diamorphine to give to David."

The inquest continues.

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We dug own way through

Sir, Thank you for your stories about the stupidity of dealing with the ice and snow.
Here at Soham we had, like most places, locally compacted snow turning to ice on our paths for eight or nine days. It got more difficult when the thaw exposed the shiny ice. This situation would not have been allowed in the 50s and 60s as each shopkeeper and householder would have cleared their own patch at the earliest opportunity. In 1947, when deep snow closed country roads, farm workers were engaged in what they called snow heaving. My father was one of them.
In the 50s when I worked at Marshall's I struggled to get home because snow blocked the road from Cambridge to Newmarket. Some of us made our way to the railway station to catch a train to Dullingham. We were met by a friend's car who, with some difficulty and the use of a shovel, took us as far as Stetchworth, where he lived. I then had to make my way on foot to Stetchworth Ley which was cut off by snowdrifts. I managed by walking on banks and fields. The next morning, knowing that I could not get into work, I took my spade and dug my way from Stetchworth Ley up the blocked Clay Hill.
Here I met a group of Woodditton people doing the same thing coming the reverse way from Woodditton, via Court Barns and up Stetchworth High Street on their way home to Woodditton. They had signed up for this task and were being paid a few shillings an hour but I was doing it on my own initiative so was not paid.
Unknown to me two photos were taken of this event and can be seen on Cambridgeshire Archives (*CCAN.org*). Go to home page, click places, select page 5, Woodditton, click images, select page 6 and look at dates 1955-57 and click on the two thumbnails.
I am so angry the paths in Soham were not gritted in the main. I was told by highways they would fill the grit containers but no-one is down to grit – it is left to volunteers. But if anyone has an accident on the paths they are liable, which I can't understand as surely this must help.

George Ginn
Kings Parade
Soham

Patients are just part of GP work

Sir, Regarding the letter 'Patients expect a better service' (*Weekly News* – January 21).
I am a local GP who has spent a long time in this area and one of the last to stop providing my own out-of-hours cover. Your correspondent talks of a "relationship of trust"; I hope it is understood that loyalty is a two-way street.
As our society seems to have been overtaken by "wants" rather than "needs", I'm afraid that the decent, thoughtful people who need my help in emergencies have suffered through the increasing burden from the rest, no doubt encouraged by a Government fostering unrealistic expectations.
Calls throughout the night for non-urgent matters (not always polite) do not make you fit for the next day's work. So, reluctantly, I gave this up. Granted, the commitment could be shared more widely, but the Health Authority chose to procure what turned out to be an inadequate service (albeit cheap), rather than continue with the GP co-operatives that had been fairly good, thereby alienating many GPs who had hitherto provided cover locally. Since December, newly-contracted arrangements have been better – it was not only patients who had complained about the situation and that has been listened to, though too late for some.
As far as working hours are concerned, initiatives aimed at satisfying the most advantaged in our society have increased the intensity of daytime work for GPs and have done little for those most in need.
My surgery is open till 6.30pm by the way, and I don't generally leave before 7.30pm. Besides seeing patients, which is essentially why I joined up, there are a host of other tasks to do, bureaucratic but apparently necessary, that can't be delegated.
The comparison with firemen is more emotive than practical; I respect them for their work, some of which I am familiar with having been a member of Magpas for 15 years, but the frontline fireman does not organise and run the fire station as well. I might not risk death in my job but I have to deal with a wide-ranging and unpredictable workload of unknown seriousness on a daily basis with responsibilities to be taken for the patient, my professional standards and my staff.
In the ideal world a patient would see his own doctor whenever necessary. Had I only a third of my registered patients this might be feasible, but even so I have my own life and family to attend to in the remaining hours of the week.
Life, technology and bureaucracy have changed a lot, not always for the better. Perhaps your correspondent would like to spend a day at a surgery to understand how the real world works before criticising what remains of NHS General Practice?

Name and address supplied

Sport for all, not just city dwellers

Sir, In all the recent correspondence regarding the Ely Masterplan, there is, I feel, something missing.
If you are one of the 19,000 residents of Ely with a "convenient" leisure centre, as Mr Ward (Letters – January 21) puts it, and shops that most can walk to, it is easy to forget that there are another 80,000 people living in East Cambridgeshire who contribute to the rates that support these services. For them it is no easy matter to access these services, what with the supposed lack of parking, and perhaps even some are deterred from coming to Ely because of the difficulties. Why not go to Cambridge or Peterborough and find better shops if it is no harder to get to?
To my mind it is actually very sensible to consider moving some services outside Ely. It seems a strange idea to build large supermarkets in the middle of Ely when there are so many complaints about traffic when all it will do is attract more; you cannot easily shop at a modern-day supermarket and carry a trolley load home by foot or on a bus! Do we really want Ely to be nothing but a series of car parks and all that goes with them?
I do not think that it is not unreasonable to ask residents of Ely to have to drive, cycle or take a bus to some services when most of us already have to and the suggested location for a new leisure centre is a case in point. It would make it so much easier and less time consuming for most of us to reach and certainly could not be regarded as a threat to local business. It is a superb idea!
Perhaps we need another slogan alongside "Sport for All", something like "Access for All".

Stephen Wilson
The Brook
Sutton

Spare gallery in funding cuts

Sir, Through your pages, I would like to congratulate the Babylon Gallery on their superb Christmas show, which has recently finished.
It was so good to see a mixture of professional and gifted amateur artists coming together in this way and brilliant that we have a contemporary gallery in Ely which is able to put shows on like this, from time to time.
In spite of the credit crunch, the Babylon Gallery (and the cathedral and museums, of course) are helping the retail trade to remain remarkably healthy when other towns and cities are looking rather empty at the moment.
Let's hope, that if cuts have to be made, it won't be in these vital services which give so much pleasure to visitors and residents alike.

Ted Coney
Waterside
Ely

Bigger things to worry about

Sir, I read your article regarding the tree in Ely's Market Place, in amazement (Fears of bad times to come as tree stays up – *Weekly News*, January 21).
The Christmas lights team are used to being criticised every year, but this takes the biscuit. I really didn't think it would be necessary to explain why the tree was not removed earlier as in past years. Clearly I was wrong.
The dismantling of the tree and lights was due to start on January 9. However, unless people have either been sunning themselves in foreign climes or hibernating for the last few weeks, everyone will know that Britain has just experienced its worst winter in 30 years. Strange as it may seem to some, Ely did not escape the atrocious weather. The city centre's paths and the Market Place were treacherous and there were many accidents.
It is not unusual for the Christmas lights volunteers to work in dreadful weather, but this was exceptional. It would have been foolhardy and dangerous to have tried to do anything to the tree in such conditions, both for the volunteers and vehicles involved.
It usually takes two weekends to remove all the Christmas lighting and the tree. More than half the volunteers have full time jobs and are only available at weekends, as are some of the vehicles.
As for incurring bad luck, the tree has never been removed by the Twelfth Night, but I don't recall reading in the past of any out-of-the-ordinary disasters affecting the city.
Daily, we hear of the devastated people of Haiti seeing family and friends buried alive, probably forever, homes and possessions destroyed and the badly injured suffering great pain because of the lack of medical supplies. If the only thing we have to complain about is a fir tree, perhaps we should count our blessings and review priorities.
Unless heavy snow and ice returns, work on the tree and lights was due to begin on January 23. Can the Christmas lights volunteers assume that all those who felt the need to complain, will join us for the next two weekends, whatever the weather, and give a helping hand? I think not!

Jenny Chaplin
Hills Lane
Ely

Give us a hand to keep us safe

Sir, May I use your esteemed periodical to issue a public apology to the residents of Ely who feel I may have endangered them.
As a member of the (all volunteer) workforce that annually gives its free time to erect and dismantle the Christmas lights and tree, I agree, my actions in selfishly being unwilling to put myself in very real physical danger during the recent foul weather so that they might feel "safe" from some unnamed eldritch evil is baffling.
As a further aside to the resident who (wisely) chose to remain nameless I would add that if this person is that worried about Ely suffering a bout of "bad luck" maybe he/she would be willing to give up a weekend or two to assist us, then we can all sleep a little safer in our beds.

J Dixon
Ely

Land is needed to grow food

Sir, Re the Wicken Vision, what a waste of highly productive agricultural land.
I feel I can no longer let my frustrations and beliefs go unsaid.
I have known Geoffrey Woollard well for the best part of 40 years, and I wholeheartedly agree in his efforts to do battle against this unnecessary and short-sighted project.
In *Farmers' Weekly*, December 18-25, 2009, we read: "The growing demand for food around the world has put UK agricultural production back at the heart of the economy and political thinking."
Also, at the Oxford Farming Conference last January, Secretary of the Department of the Environment,

Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Hilary Benn, said: "I want British agriculture to produce as much food as possible – no ifs, no buts."
The hectarage and yield of crops has got to keep going up and up if we are to keep feeding an ever increasing population. A fuel crisis is also not that far away. Gas and oil supplies will run out eventually and we may well have to grow more and more energy either as bio-mass or as bio-diesel. So why in the light of this thinking can't the government put a stop to this project dreamt up by the National Trust. This organisation does a superb job of preserving historic buildings, many of which the owners have been forced to vacate. Why, therefore, is it getting involved in removing land from agricultural production?
The British agricultural industry is one of the most productive in the world but it seems to have the most problems to overcome to be in such a position. Although I would not be directly affected by this project, I have been in and around agriculture, which includes formal training, all my life and I am of the opinion we should be as productive as possible and this project should be stopped forthwith.

W. John Aitchison
Quy Fen Common
Soham

Removing stalls will hit revenue

Sir, On Saturday, I was told by a stallholder that in April, Ely City Council will withdraw its support of supplying stalls for market traders. As most, if not all traders, haven't the room to carry their own stands, it will mean they will no longer come to Ely to trade. If that happens, local and non-local people will go elsewhere and it will have an adverse affect on much-needed revenue.
Even more bizarre is that the market traders pay the council for the supply and support of the market stalls.
I do not agree with the council on this one.

Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely

Protect city's glorious fauna

Sir, Frank Lindsell's letter on the need to protect this "small and beautiful" city from expansion (Small is beautiful for our fine city – January 7) has drawn some welcome and heartfelt responses from your readers.
But while we are all concerned at the prospect of losing the character of the city, let us not overlook the need to protect the precious areas of natural beauty, the trees, the river, the meadows and wetlands that do so much to enhance the city and its environment.

Hilary Van de Watering
St Mary's Court
Ely

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Enchanting: the cast of Viva's pantomime, *Beauty and the Beast.* CP.

A beautiful performance

THE enchanting musical *Beauty and the Beast* is on its way to Ely.

Viva Youth Theatre, based in Soham, will perform it as their annual pantomime at The Maltings.

The group will take to the stage from Thursday, February 4, to Saturday, February 6, at 7.30pm each evening, as well as at a 2.30pm Saturday matinee performance.

Tickets can be booked in person at Burrows Bookshop, Ely, Soham Books or at The Maltings. Alternatively, visit *www.wegottickets.com/vivagroup*

Quacking year to be duckling

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

Brave new world: Muscovy ducklings are expected to make a comeback this year.

NEWLY-hatched ducklings are likely to be a familiar sight on Ely's riverbanks again this spring.

In a bid to curb the city's waterfowl population, mainly its infamous Muscovy ducks, East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) has been known to 'oil' eggs with chemicals to kill the unborn ducklings.

The action was taken in 2008 after the authority received more than 100 complaints about the birds in just 12 months.

But after receiving no complaints for months the council has confirmed the previous measures, which caused a huge flap among residents and tourists, will not be repeated this year.

Dozens of duck lovers insisted the chunky red-billed ducks, which originate from America and Mexico, were part of Ely's culture.

Liz Knox, head of the council's environmental health team, said: "As it stands we have no plans to kerb the breeding habits of the Muscovy ducks this year as we have not received any complaints.

"We will, however, continue to monitor the situation to ensure the ecology of the riverside remains diverse."

It is believed the city's Muscovy duck population started off with a few escaping or being released onto the waterways decades ago, and over the years they have increased in numbers.

While some people could not be happier to see them waddling along the city's streets, even into Tesco's car park on Angel Drove, others get fed up with them fouling pavements, foraging for food and nesting in gardens.

However, Mrs Knox said that if the Muscovy numbers did start to become a problem with residents and tourists again, there were local farms and bird sanctuaries which would be able to re-home some of the birds.

She added: "Any move would, of course, be carried out with the greatest sensitivity and with the guidance of experts – but it is only if they become a problem."

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Deaths

MOATE. Barry, passed away suddenly at home, on Wednesday, January 20th, 2010, aged 67 years. Son of the late Les and Freda, a beloved husband to Liz, devoted dad to Sarah and Louise and father-in-law to Mark and Jeff, a loving grandad to Georgina, Megan and Ellie, and a great friend to everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed by all. Funeral service at St Peter and St Mary Magdalene Church, Fordham, on Friday January 29th at 3.00pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the East Anglian Air Ambulance may be left at the service or sent to C E Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham. CB7 5BN. Tel: 01353 720439.

STRATTON. Olive of Witchford, passed away peacefully in Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely, on Friday, January 15th, 2010, aged 81 years. Wife of the late Jack and a dear sister and auntie. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, on Monday, February 1st, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations for SMILE (St Mary's Surgery) may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely, CB7 4HW. All friends welcome at St Andrews Hall, Witchford following the funeral.

Deaths

ATKIN. Brian of Ely, died peacefully on Sunday, January 17th, 2010, aged 75 years. Loving husband of Maisie, dear father of Stephen and Ellis, Paul and Viivika, devoted grandfather of Emma, Thomas, Helena and Emily, dear brother of Doris and Ken. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Ely, on Wednesday, January 27th, 2010, at 10.30am, followed by interment in Ely Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations for STRADA may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW. All friends welcome to attend Brian's funeral.

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Nostalgia night with big band

POPULAR hits from the 1940s and 50s will be entertaining residents in Ely next month.

The city's Rotary Club will hold a Big Band Night on Friday, February 19, at The Hayward Theatre at 8pm, featuring Opus 17.

There will be a whole host of hits from the era, all in the style of popular band leaders such as Glen Miller.

A spokesman for the event said: "This is going to be a wonderful night of nostalgia for some and an equally exciting experience for everyone else."

Tickets for the evening are £12 and available from Wades Optometrists on Ely's High Street and Burrows Bookshop in The Passage.

There will also be bar service on the night.

Shed to make way for home

A SHED in Soham could be knocked down to make way for a house.

Mr A. Dickenson, of Guntons Close, has applied for planning permission to demolish the shed at 47 Sand Street.

In its place, he wants to build a new two-bedroom house.

Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and a decision is expected within the next eight weeks.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Bigger room on the cards

A PROPERTY in Sutton could soon boast some new facilities.

Mrs M. Forrest, of Sutton Park, wants to convert her double garage and extend it to create a master bedroom suite, with dressing facilities.

The plans, which have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council, also include a new car port being built and a courtyard garden.

For more information, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Fruit farm proposal

POLYTUNNELS and a mobile home could be built in Wilburton.

Everitt Fruit Farms want to build the new facilities on land at the back of The Embers on Station Road.

Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

MEMORIES

■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows fun and games at a school fete.
Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know where and when it was taken?

Send your answers to: Memories, *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning, or email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

Picture: 520791.

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed an auction of farms in Ely.

Picture: 589030.

Firm's new HR service

AN accountancy firm located near Ely is offering its clients an innovative new service.

Village Accounting, based in Mepal, can now provide a one-stop shop for companies in the region to guide them through the tough economic climate.

The service is aimed at ensuring clients have effective human resources procedures in place.

The company has teamed up with HR professional Allan Pearce from Pearce HR Associates to launch Village HR Solutions Ltd.

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Bite man is jailed for failing to work

BY JORDAN DAY

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A THUG who was spared jail last year after attacking and biting a paramedic has now been put behind bars for failing to carry out his community service.

Terry Neaster, of Kingfisher Drive, Soham, failed to complete the community service he was ordered to do.

Neaster, a former soldier who served in Iraq, last year pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, assault causing actual bodily harm, having a bladed article and driving with excess alcohol.

He was given 12 months jail, suspended for two years, ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work and disqualified from driving for 18 months.

The 28-year-old was also ordered to pay his victim £1,000 compensation and £500 legal costs.

Only the unpaid work order of the sentence was revoked, Christopher Ball, QC, told him at Chelmsford Crown Court last week. He said: "All other orders remain."

Representing himself, Neaster, who admitted failing to complete his unpaid work order and attend court, said: "I've no excuse. I live in Soham and for the work, I was to turn up at 9am on a Sunday but there's no public service.

"When I was late twice by five minutes they sent me home and they gave us meaningless jobs," he said.

He had failed to attend three times to carry out the unpaid work.

Judge Ball jailed Neaster for nine months.

The attack on the paramedic happened as Neaster was driving towards Stansted on the M11 at 6.15pm on September 6, 2008, when Peter Kelly, who was driving to work, spotted him near junction 10.

After seeing him swerve in and out of the hard shoulder, prosecutor Dara Islam said Mr Kelly gave chase and stopped Neaster at traffic lights. He could smell drink on Neaster, told him he was making a citizen's arrest, took his car keys and walked away.

Neaster grabbed them and prevented Mr Kelly calling the police by grabbing his mobile phone as well. Mr Kelly later suffered a bite on his arm during further tussles for the keys.

Mr Islam said a machete was later found in the boot of Neaster's car and he had an alcohol reading of 79 micrograms. The legal limit is 35 micrograms.

Budget cut but ADeC survives

ARTS lovers across the Ely area are breathing a huge sigh of relief.

The region's much-loved arts provider ADeC will stay open, the *Weekly News* can confirm.

A storm of protest erupted last week after cash-strapped East Cambridgeshire District Council announced it wanted to bring the organisation in-house.

Bosses at the authority were proposing to scrap ADeC and bring everything under one roof, which would have saved £25,000 a year.

The controversial move could have seen Ely's Babylon Gallery on Waterside closed, along with Ely Cinema, based at The Maltings.

The arts group also organises everything from art exhibitions and youth award schemes to children's music workshops – all of which could have come to an end.

But there was widespread anger from residents, with both the *Weekly News* and the council being bombarded by complaints about the plans.

There was also speculation that the organisation had been saved ahead of a decision even being made. But it wasn't until last Thursday that members of council's community services committee finally agreed to save ADeC.

BY JORDAN DAY

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Instead of being moved in-house, the arts provider will be left to operate independently – but with a reduced budget.

Bosses there know they will have to reduce some of the services ADeC provides, but they insist the future looks bright.

Jane Wilson, director of ADeC, said: "I would like to thank everyone for the huge amount of support we have received – it has been really great to find out how much our work is valued across East Cambridgeshire. I am very glad that ECDC took the decision it did.

"Whilst the reduction in funding will inevitably have some impact on ADeC services, as part of the voluntary sector we are able to work in a different way, in partnership with local communities, and it is local support that will help us to find new ways to continue providing the arts in East Cambridgeshire.

"We will be actively fundraising, generating additional income, sourcing new funding streams, seeking new volunteers and continuing to offer some fantastic events for you to enjoy."

Mrs Wilson added: "It is crucial that you continue to support your local arts by going out and taking up the opportunities that are on offer.

"You can find out what's on by visiting our website – *www.adec.org.uk*

Speaking after the decision, Brian Ashton, vice-chair of the council's community services committee, said: "The entire committee was extremely gratified that ADeC had produced a proposal that maintained the range of art services within the dramatic financial constraints of ECDC."

As reported in the *Weekly News*, all 220 employees at the council face an anxious wait to hear who will keep their jobs during the budget slashing process.

Dozens of services are also expected to be affected over the coming weeks.

Not forgotten: above, Hattie Birchinall, 8, signs a card, along with 5-year-old twins Nico and Nathan Gajkiewicz, below. Pictures: Richard Patterson 623453/1.

Signers remember prisoners

ELY Amnesty International was out in force at the weekend in aid of Prisoners of Conscience.

The group held a bumper card signing session at Ely Cathedral on Sunday, enabling residents to sign cards which will be sent to Prisoners of Conscience and their families around the world.

The cathedral has a tradition of helping the group's Greeting Cards Campaign and the event also formed part of the Amnesty campaign.

Amnesty International said feedback shows that sending cards of support has a profound effect on the morale of prisoners and their families.

Derek Wilcox, chair of the Ely Amnesty group, said: "If you have a heart for justice, signing a card of support is a very important way of saying to someone you may never meet, that you care and that they are not alone in the world or forgotten."

The Reverend Dr Alan Hargrave, Canon Missioner of the cathedral, added: "We may think that we cannot make much difference to people's lives. However, a small personal gesture such as sending a card to a prisoner of conscience can mean a huge amount to people who may receive little news from the outside world and wonder if they have been forgotten and abandoned.

"It costs us just a few moments of our time but its effect on the recipient can be enormous."

LITTLEPORT

Our Town, Our Future

Littleport Masterplan Public Exhibition

Work has commenced on the production of a masterplan for Littleport. The document will provide a long term vision for the future of Littleport.

A public exhibition will be held at **Littleport Village Hall** on **Saturday 30 January** from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm, and on **Tuesday 2 February** from 10.00 am – 6.00 pm.

This exhibition offers residents, community organisations, businesses and stakeholders the chance to view and have their say on the issues which need to be examined in the plan.

Please come and have your say

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Plans to expand

A PROPERTY on Ely's Egremont Street could be made bigger.

Mr P Powell, of Barton Road, has applied for planning permission to make changes at number 16 on the street.

The proposals, submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council, involve building a two-storey extension and single storey extension to the back of the house, as well as new boundary treatment and additional parking space.

To comment on the plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Bungalow bid

A NEW property could be built in Queen Adelaide – if planners agree.

Mr J Godfrey, of Low Road, wants to build a four-bedroom chalet bungalow next to his existing home.

Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and a decision is expected within the next two months.

For more information, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Plant proposal

A SOIL washing plant could be on its way to Mepal.

Mick George Ltd has applied for planning permission to build the new facility at Mepal Quarry, Block Fen Drove.

The decision lies with East Cambridgeshire District Council.

To comment on the scheme, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Keeping fit: Steve Bradley, Atrium manager, and head of PE at the college, Damien Whales, with students as they test out the new equipment.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 621433

Fitness donation gets hearts racing

FITNESS fanatics at the City of Ely Community College are working out on some new equipment.

The Atrium Club, in Ely, has donated cardiovascular equipment to the secondary school instead of selling it on.

Over the festive season, the club's gymnasium was given a major facelift, meaning its treadmills, cross trainers and exercise bikes were no longer needed.

But the school's physical education department is now benefiting from the donated equipment, much to the delight of its pupils.

Steve Bradley, general manager of The Atrium, said: "All of the equipment was around three years old so is in good condition.

"Instead of just selling it on, we thought it would be nice to put something back into the local community and donate everything to the college.

"The staff and students are really pleased and hopefully it will encourage more and more youngsters to keep fit."

Terror of boy attacked by yobs

A MOTHER has spoken of her anger after her teenage son and his friend were beaten up in Cambridge by a gang of 18 youths.

The woman's son, from the Ely area, suffered a broken nose and fingers in the unprovoked assault in St Matthews Gardens in broad daylight, while the other boy was also injured.

The pair, both 14, were punched in the face and then kicked in the head while on the ground.

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It was only the second time the woman's son had been allowed to visit Cambridge without his parents.

As the boys and two 15-year-old girls they had been shopping with were passed by the gang, they were spoken to but did not respond.

They were then set upon in an assault which lasted for several minutes before the group, which included at least two girls, ran off in the direction of East Road.

The boy's mother said the attack had left her son "petrified".

She said: "All the confidence has been knocked out of him and he doesn't even want to be left alone in our own home.

"He's had to have a week off school because his face is swollen and keeps suffering from headaches, which is very worrying.

"They were just four youngsters going to watch a film."

Det Con Terry Bandoo appealed for witnesses.

He said: "This was a nasty, unprovoked attack by a large group of youths in a busy shopping area, and many people must have seen it.

"I appeal to anyone who remembers being in the area of St Matthews Gardens, East Road or The Grafton centre, or who saw the incident to contact us."

The attack happened between 2.20pm and 2.40pm on Saturday, January 16, and the attackers are thought to have been aged 16 to 18.

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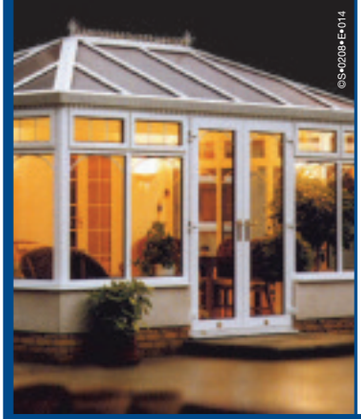

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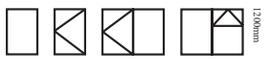
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Respond to medics' call

TWO more villages could soon have life-saving first responder emergency medical teams.

BY JORDAN DAY

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Magpas hopes to set up the groups in Haddenham and Little Downham, and residents are being urged to join up.

Community first responder groups, which Magpas has set up all over Cambridgeshire, complement the ambulance service by getting to the scene of an emergency and giving medical support before paramedics arrive.

With the medical skills they are trained to have, first responders can make the difference between life and death.

Magpas needs to find five volunteers from each village and raise £5,000 for each – for training and equipment – before the schemes can get off the ground.

Emma Greaves, a Magpas volunteer from Ely, said: "Community first responders all volunteer to do something extraordinary.

"The idea behind it is quite a simple one – local people can get to local emergencies very quickly because they are just around the corner.

"Time is a very important factor and ambulances can't be everywhere at once.

"In the UK, the average survival rate for people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests is just 3 to 5 per cent.

"In Cambridgeshire, thanks to the Magpas community first responders working closely with the ambulance trust, the survival rate is between 21 and 23 per cent. That is an incredible statistic."

Readers of the *Weekly News* have already helped to set up teams in Ely and Littleport by raising thousands of pounds.

A community first responder evening is being held at The Book Café in Little Downham village hall on February 11 from 7.30-9pm. Another one will be held at The Arkenstall Centre in Haddenham on February 25 from 7.30-9pm.

Residents will be able to give their views and find out more about the schemes. For more information, call Emma on (01353) 614794 or visit *www.magpas.org.uk*

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Thieves take jewellery

POLICE are appealing for information after a burglary in Soham.

The incident happened in broad daylight on Tuesday, January 19, at a house in Fordham Road.

The burglars smashed the kitchen window, reached in and then opened the side window to gain entry.

Once inside, they stole a large amount of jewellery and a laptop.

It happened some time between 10.15am and 2.30pm.

Anyone with any information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Relax at yoga session

A MEDITATION evening will be held in Little Downham tomorrow.

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Free day marks wetlands treaty

NATURE lovers are in for a treat on Tuesday, February 2.

Wicken Fen Nature Reserve is offering the public free entry to celebrate International World Wetlands Day.

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The convention is an intergovernmental treaty that provides a framework for national action for the conservation and use of wetland resources.

Wicken Fen is included on the list of 1,874 wetland sites worldwide designated as of "international importance".

As well as families being allowed into the reserve for free, there will also be a variety of events throughout the day, including bird ringing demonstrations, cycle rides, guided walks and talks from wildlife experts.

Lovers' tale, with a twist

BUDDING actors, singers and dancers are being given the chance to tread the boards in Littleport.

The Littleport Players are holding auditions for *Romeo and Juliet*, which will be performed in June.

The group is adding a rock and roll twist to the play, making it more appealing to all ages.

People of all abilities, aged 11 and over, are needed for the musical.

Auditions are being held at Millfield Primary School on Monday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 10 at 7.30pm.

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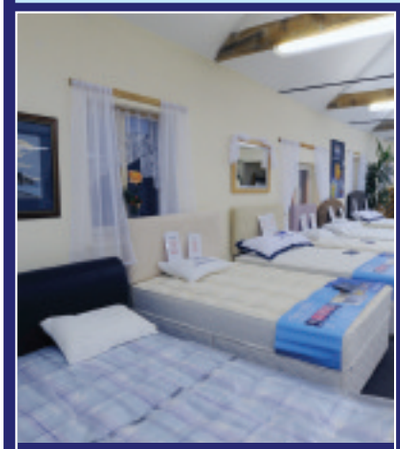

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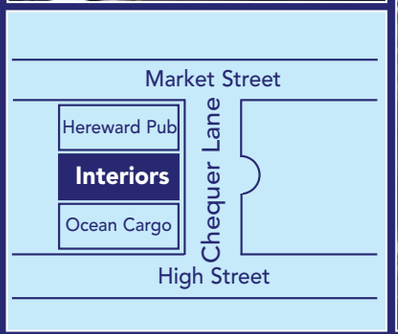

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‘I shed tears, tears for all the life I’ve lost from this illness’

WALKING along the street, Barbara Curtis caught a waft of a stranger’s perfume. A strong, musky scent, it made her head start to spin: feeling dizzy, disorientated and, all of a sudden, bone-achingly tired, the Soham mum couldn’t walk any further. Although she didn’t know it, Barbara was suffering from a rare – and life-altering – illness.

“I now know that I have a condition called Multiple Chemical Sensitivity,” explains the 55-year-old. “I have a reaction to all kinds of chemicals, mostly in fragranced products: perfumes, air-fresheners, fabric conditioner is one of the worst.

“If I get in a car with an air-freshener in it and have a reaction, I can be in bed for the next three weeks. I suffer extreme fatigue, violent headaches, disorientation . . . My muscles go stiff and I can hardly move, my speech goes . . . At times it has been frightening.

“And it has been hard. When I really think about it, I do have a few tears.

BY ALICE RYAN

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They’re tears for all the life I’ve lost, really.”

Her eyes welling as she speaks, Barbara clearly feels very emotional about her battle with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS). That’s little surprise: it’s almost impossible to overstate the impact MCS has had on her life.

Forced to wear a carbon filter mask wherever she goes, even the simplest things – like having dinner in a restaurant – have been ruled out by MCS. “I could go to a restaurant but I couldn’t eat, because of the mask,” Barbara explains.

“I did try plugging my nose with cotton wool as an alternative, but it didn’t really work. It took quite a bit of courage to start wearing the mask, but it’s my only option really.”

Even conducting this interview proved a challenge. Thanks to problems with the bus service that morning, Barbara couldn’t get from her Soham home to Ely, where she works, for our meeting.

As I was already in Ely, I offered to drive over to Barbara’s home instead. But, because I’d carry all kinds of chemicals into the house with me (such as the washing powder and conditioner on my clothes), she explained that was out of the question.

So I suggested picking her up in my car and taking her to a café. But, thanks to the freshener hanging from my rear-view mirror, Barbara said my car was a no-go area; even after an air-freshener is removed, she added, the residual scent in an enclosed space could make her violently ill. And, even if I could have taken her to a café, she wouldn’t have been able to drink a cup of tea – because of the mask.

In the end, we rescheduled for the following day. I met Barbara at the kiosk she runs in Ely’s Cloisters Shopping Centre: called Curtis Crafts, her outlet sells everything from knitting wool and needles to cross stitch patterns.

“A few years ago there’s no way I could have run my own business,” explains Barbara, sorting out three balls of baby blue wool for a regular customer. “That does show how much things have improved – and for that I feel truly blessed.”

Barbara’s health problems date right back to her early childhood. A bright and bubbly little girl, she initially loved school and, taking up piano aged 6, became an accomplished musician. Then, when she turned 8, everything changed. “I suddenly lost the ability to concentrate in class,” says Barbara. “I’d been able to play the piano really well and I couldn’t do that any more. And I got very tired, so tired I couldn’t even clean my teeth when I went to bed.”

Looking back, Barbara puts those seismic changes down to her first amalgam filling, which she had aged 8: she believes the mercury the filling contained is a possible cause of MCS.

After that, Barbara says her whole life felt like it was spinning out of control. Bullied at secondary school, she began to play truant. And then, in her early teens, she was diagnosed with depression – and put on tranquilisers.

“I was 14 when they put me on tranquilisers,” she recounts. “I suppose, looking back, I have been quite angry about that. I was on them, on and off, for years and years: when I finally came off them altogether, 24 or 25 years ago now, it was horrible – they say it’s worse than coming off heroin.

“I don’t like to think about that time, when I was a teenager, to be honest. I have some very

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Out in the world again: Barbara at work on the Cloisters kiosk.

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painful memories. I tried to commit suicide several times: it was a cry for help. In the end the school asked me to leave because, being suicidal, they thought I was a bad influence."

By the age of 19, Barbara wanted a fresh start and moved out to Adelaide, Australia, a place she adored. And then, when she was 23, she had her daughter. Now in her 30s and a mum herself, to little Emilia, 4, Barbara says her daughter has been an invaluable source of support over the years.

"It was when my daughter was small that I first noticed the affect scents had on me," continues Barbara. "I had air-fresheners round the house and I can remember walking past one on the landing and suddenly, instantly, getting very tired. I thought maybe I might be having a reaction to the fragrance, but then dismissed it . . ."

A single mum, Barbara had moved back to Britain, settling in Haverhill. And it was there she met the man who became her husband: "I used to see him go past the house and my knees would go all wobbly," she laughs.

Marrying at 30, it was then Barbara decided to come off the tranquilisers once and for all. It was, she admits, an incredibly tough time. "I had terrible pre-menstrual tension," explains Barbara. "It was horrible: I was depressed and violent, really, at times. My husband coped very well with it all, with me throwing gravy at him and the wall – it sounds terrible now, though I'm not the only one who's done things like that . . . My husband and I are actually separated, but we're still very good friends."

In the wake of the separation, 13 years ago, Barbara was diagnosed with chronic fatigue. "It didn't surprise me," she confesses. "I'd been ill for so long."

But that diagnosis was far from the end of the story. Still battling exhaustion, headaches, aching joints, muscle stiffness – a whole host of symptoms – it was suggested that Barbara had an under-active thyroid gland. Tests showed that was, indeed, the case and, prescribed medication, Barbara says her health soon began to improve: for one thing, she had more energy.

But, whenever she went out of the house, Barbara started to feel unwell again; in the end, she decided it was chemical smells, from perfume to paint, that were to blame. After doing research on the internet, she discovered MCS. "All the symptoms fitted, I ticked every box," adds Barbara.

A lot of medics are, she admits, still very sceptical about MCS, suggesting "it's all in the mind" (the World Health Organisation does not recognise it as a valid diagnosis). But Barbara says she knows first-hand that MCS is very real – and adds that more and more people, doctors and patients, are realising it's a serious illness. "One of the reasons I wanted to do this article is because I want to raise awareness," she says.

After self-diagnosing MCS, Barbara stopped using all fragranced products in her home: from household cleaners and washing powder to toiletries, everything she uses is natural and fragrance-free. She started taking all kinds of supplements – more than 20, including vitamins and minerals – to give her beleaguered body a boost. And she made a big decision: to start wearing the face mask which now, years on, is a permanent fixture whenever she leaves the house. The decision, although a difficult one, proved, says Barbara, to be one of the best she's ever made. By protecting herself from toxins, she says her health has improved in leaps and bounds.

"I do get quite a lot of reactions: the favourite at the moment is 'Have you got swine flu'," continues Barbara. "The teenagers call me Darth Vader sometimes, but it doesn't really worry me – I know it's just ignorance. And, thankfully, I have retained my sense of humour; I think that's really important.

"Little boys often ask me 'Why do you have to wear that mask?' and I don't mind that at all, I explain, in simple terms, that I'm allergic to perfume."

Unable to work and with almost no social life, Barbara confesses to having had some dark times in the past. But now, thanks to her ever-improving health, she says her future is looking bright. "It would be nice to get rid of this one day," she says, pointing to her mask.

A keen craftswoman, who's done knitting and cross stitch all her life, Barbara decided to set up Curtis Crafts two years ago. Initially a solely web-based business, she branched out into the Cloisters kiosk in November and says she is loving every minute. "It's lovely to be out in the world and with people again; I've always been a people person really," she adds.

"There are times when I've felt like giving up, but you have to keep going, don't you? When I look back, I suppose I do feel proud of how far I've come. And, hopefully, things are just going to get better and better."

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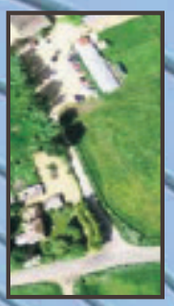

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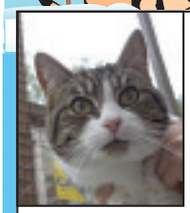

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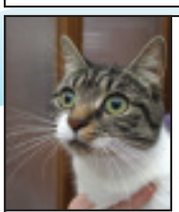

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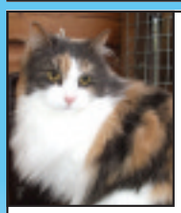

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300 jobs may go at county council to balance books

A MASSIVE 300 jobs are set to be axed in swingeing cuts as Cambridgeshire County Council looks to balance the books.

The council is proposing to increase its portion of the council tax precept by 3 per cent in 2010/11, meaning the bill for a Band D property will go up by £30.51.

But the increase will only go some way towards mitigating crippling financial pressures facing the authority over the next five years, including £48 million in inflation costs, an extra £55 million to cater for the county's growing population, and government funding cuts of £2 million due to the global recession.

A wide range of services are expected to be hit, with £3.8 million being taken from the adult social care budget – which includes support for elderly, disabled and mentally ill residents – in 2010-11, and £568,000 to be cut from the learning and development kitty, which pays for library services, the following year.

Cllr Jill Tuck, council leader, said: "It's going to be tough. We have got to make sure we protect all our vulnerable services.

"We have got to look to the long-term future – and we're going to be a great deal leaner."

But an extra £16 million has been found in the coming year's budget to tackle the massive predicted shortfall in primary school places across the county.

An additional £3 million has been set aside to fill potholes in the county's roads over the next three years.

The council is looking to cut its costs by working more closely at sharing resources with other local authorities and partner agencies.

The job cuts will be made over the next two years, but some of the total will be achieved through "natural wastage", and the council has already started not to fill posts which have been vacated.

Take virtual tour of the fens online

Great outdoors: Wicken Fen, now available on Google Street View.

HERITAGE lovers can now enjoy the beauty of a Cambridgeshire nature reserve without leaving the house.

Wicken Fen Nature Reserve is one of 20 National Trust landscapes which are being added to Google Street View.

Available through Google Maps, people around the world will be able to take 360 degree ground level tours around the beauty spot.

Chris Soans, property manager at Wicken Fen, said: "Google Street View will enable even more people to take a peek and get a sense of what Wicken Fen has to offer.

"It is fantastic to think that people from around the world who might never be able to travel to the UK to see our world-renowned nature reserve will be able to enjoy a virtual visit."

The images used for the tours were taken last summer using two three-wheeled trikes with street view cameras mounted on a pole.

It is estimated the cyclists covered 125 miles on the 18-stone trikes while moving at an average speed of two miles an hour.

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

Thousands of images were processed and blended together to give a seamless tour of each nook and cranny of the reserve.

Ed Parsons, Geospatial Technologist at Google, said: "Places like Wicken Fen offer all of us a special glimpse of the history, nature and architecture up and down the country.

"It is a fun way to gen up on what to see and do on a day out or whet your appetite for where to go next."

Other locations which can be toured online include Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire, and Lindisfarne Castle, Northumberland.

The groundbreaking scheme comes just weeks after Wicken Fen was named one of the most species-rich reserves in the country.

In 2010, the Google Trike will collect images from other National Trust properties including the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.

See *www.maps.google.co.uk/streetview*

Dig in at planting day

COMMUNITY tree planting days will be held on White Fen, near Lode.

The National Trust is inviting people to grab their outdoor gear and join them on the planting sessions, which are part of a programme to create woodland habitat.

They will be held this Sunday and again on February 28 and March 28 from 10am-2pm.

Everyone is welcome and the trust will provide all tools and instructions.

Emma Shepherd, Wicken Fen community warden, said: "Tree planting is an activity that the whole family can enjoy together.

"The small saplings will eventually create a fantastic woodland habitat that humans and wildlife can share and enjoy for countless generations to come."

White Fen is part of the trust's Wicken Fen Vision which aims to create a 53sq km green lung for Cambridgeshire over the next 100 years.

Pandemic nears end

MORE than 175,000 people have been struck down with swine flu in the East of England since late July.

Statistics collected by the East of England Strategic Health Authority also show more than 120,000 people were treated with anti-viral medicine since July 23.

Seventeen people have died of swine flu in the region since last April and another five East Anglians died while outside the area.

However, figures show the pandemic is almost at an end. Only 3,073 people were diagnosed with it between January 1 and 12 compared to 23,112 in the last week of July, but vaccination programmes will continue.

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Throughout the winter, the stretch between Welney village and Ten Mile Bank is often closed for weeks on end due to high water levels.

The barriers are currently down as the road is closed and during the recent cold snap, it was closed for more than a week.

But drivers are continuing to ignore the barriers and trying to pass through in a bid to avoid a 20-mile detour via Littleport and Southery.

However, Cambridgeshire police are now warning motorists that they face a £60 fine and three penalty points if they are caught.

A police spokeswoman said: "The signs are there for a reason – to protect the public.

"It is illegal and dangerous to ignore road signs.

"The road is likely to be closed for several months and anyone caught ignoring the closure will get three points and a £60 fine."

Cottage faces demolition

A COTTAGE in Prickwillow could be knocked down to make way for a new home.

Mr and Mrs N. Harlow, of Northfield Road, Soham, want to demolish Elderberry Cottage in Branch Bank and build a dwelling and double garage in its place.

Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and a decision is expected within the next eight weeks.

To comment on the proposals, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Plan for new village home

HADDENHAM could soon boast a new property.

Mr and Mrs Gorman, of High Street, Aldreth, want to build on High Street.

Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and include building a detached dwelling and a single garage on land next to number 54.

To view the plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Grab a bargain at clothing sale

A CHILDREN'S nearly new sale will be held in Ely.

Everything from babies toys to toddlers' clothes and equipment will be on offer at the event on Saturday, February 6.

The sale will be on at the Lighthouse Centre, on Lynn Road, from 2-4pm.

Entry is 50p and refreshments will be available.

Fighting fit: from left, Dr Richard Burnford and medical centre staff Debbie Barber, Jane Davidson and Jackie Spruce were on hand at the Staploe Medical Centre to offer information on living a healthier life.

Picture: Keith Heppell 621645.

Advice gets visitors on road to a healthy year ahead

NEW Year resolutions were given a much-needed boost in Soham.

The town's Staploe Medical Centre invited residents to a bumper health awareness day last weekend.

Those thinking about leading healthier lifestyles in 2010 were given advice about nutrition and fitness.

There were also representatives from sports centres and weight-loss organisations to help kick-start people's new regimes.

Experts were even on hand to measure people's blood pressure and body mass index.

A spokesman for the open day said: "We were really pleased with how the day went.

"Lots of people came through the doors to see what was on offer and so many people said they were looking to lead a healthier lifestyle, which is promising.

"We ensured there was plenty of information and advice available for people to make sure they stick to their New Year resolutions."

'Possessive' ex-boyfriend beat partner after binge

A "POSSESSIVE and controlling" boyfriend has been given a four-month suspended prison sentence for beating up his partner after an afternoon of heavy drinking.

BY JACK GROVE

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Jared Gooderham, 21, had been out with friends in Ely on New Year's Eve when his girlfriend arrived to take him home, Cambridge Magistrates' Court was told.

William Powell, prosecuting, said an argument had flared as the pair struggled to load a TV into the back of their car and had continued on the drive home.

He said: "The defendant became very angry and started shouting.

"As they drove, he punched her left arm, legs and chest. He also broke her phone by throwing it."

The attack had continued as they reached Gooderham's home and had intensified inside the house.

Mr Powell added: "He told her to get out of the car and he dragged her along by her hair and threatened her.

"He threw her to the floor and began kicking her in the side. He was shouting at her and punched her several times on her arms.

"He also grabbed her by the neck and began squeezing her by the neck."

The attack eventually stopped when Gooderham collapsed from drink onto the floor.

Police were called and Gooderham continued his aggression towards officers, who sprayed him in the face with an ethanol substance as they arrested him.

Gooderham, who works in an antiques shop in Ely, pleaded guilty to common assault, obstructing an officer and criminal damage when he appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court last Friday.

Nick Barnes, mitigating, said: "This was a quite disgraceful incident. The complainant was not to blame in any shape or form.

"There is nothing I can say about mitigating factors, but thankfully the victim's injuries were not serious."

Mr Barnes said a "controlling relationship, drink and problems with his temper" were factors in the incident, which brought the two-year relationship to an end.

He said: "He was extremely possessive because she was very attractive and arguments descended into violence.

"Clearly the circumstances were aggravated because he was heavily intoxicated."

Branding the attack as "appalling", chairwoman of the bench Stephanie Bishop said: "During the attack, you grabbed her throat and also kicked her. You are fortunate she was not injured."

She imposed a four-month prison sentence suspended for two years and ordered Gooderham, of St Martin's Road, Chatteris, to pay £500 to his former girlfriend for "psychological distress".

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Stepping out for comedy, thrills and spills with theatrical starlet

Stepping out: Katherine with co-star Dugald Bruce-Lockhart in *The 39 Steps*. Picture: Tristram Kenton.

A rising star of the British stage returns to her Cambridge roots this week to appear in the West End's longest-running comedy, *The 39 Steps*, at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. Nominated for an Olivier Award last year for her role in Piaf, the local girl made good talks to LOUISE MARTIN.

WITHIN minutes of meeting Katherine Kingsley backstage at the Arts Theatre, the Cambridge born-and-bred actress is declaring her passion for the stage.

"I just *love* theatre," she says, beaming. "It's what I've done the most of and been the most successful at, I would say, at the moment.

"I love the immediacy of it and the fact that your journey is that night and that moment.

"I've done theatre, TV and film – I've been very lucky. With theatre I've mixed quite a bit and done fun musicals, but I've also done straight plays."

Stressing that she also finds TV and film as "wonderfully fulfilling" as taking to the stage, the 30-year-old puts her extensive career down to her education and varied training.

"I grew up nearby in Abington and my family moved to Cambridge when I was about 14," explains Katherine.

"I went to St Mary's School and then Parkside and, at 18, I moved to London to do a course with the English National Opera."

A year at the Mountview Theatre School in London followed, and then another year at The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

Remaining in London after her training, Katherine made appearances in the likes of *The Bill*, *Hollyoaks*, *Casualty* and *Operation Good Guys,* while her film career includes *Weekend*, *Days of the Siren* and *100 Second Marriages.*

"I've never felt so ugly in my life as when I was surrounded by all those stunning people on *Hollyoaks*," says Katherine, laughing. "It was about five years ago now – everyone was very young and pretty."

Her stretch on *The Bill* was early last year when Katherine played Fire Investigation Officer Linda Preston, a slightly less glamorous role than her *Hollyoaks* character, and a different pace to her film and theatre work.

"It's amazing how quickly they work," she says. "I've got massive respect for those actors."

Now back on the road for Patrick Barlow's Olivier Award-winning comic take on *The 39 Steps*, Katherine will be touring the UK until June with the cast of just four actors playing an incredible 139 roles between them.

"This is a long run – it's going to kill me," she says. "It's a small cast in comparison to the number of characters there are. I'm playing three characters but there are two men in it who play a ridiculous amount between them."

The classic spy thriller follows the adventures of Richard Hannay, who encounters dastardly murders and double-crossing secret agents.

Published in 1915, *The 39 Steps* became writer John Buchan's most famous work. "It's a very funny and imaginative play, explains Katherine.

"I play a German spy called Annabella initially, and then a Glaswegian crofter's wife called Margaret, who's very sweet, and then I play Pamela, a well-to-do middle class girl."

With comedy, thrills and romance in every scene, the 100-minute play sees endless costume changes for the actors; in one scene they can run on dressed as an old lady, only to appear minutes later playing the role of an underworld villain.

The six-month tour will take Katherine across the country and she expects to miss her East London home at times.

She says: "I haven't toured for ages, I've been really lucky as lately I've done lots of work in London. I'm sure I'll get a little homesick but touring is lots of fun and the great thing is every week you're somewhere new."

So as well as a different theatre each week, is there a list of luxurious hotels to call home for a while too?

"Certainly not," laughs Katherine. "Every theatre has a digs list so it's up to you where you stay. No-one arranges for you to stay in fancy hotels – you find accommodation yourself."

Nominated for an Olivier Award last year as best supporting actress for her role in *Piaf,* Katherine describes the play as "one of the best things I've done", alongside her roles in the West End's *High Society* and *Hobson's Choice*.

Although just one month into the tour of *The 39 Steps*, Katherine admits she is already thinking about her next job. "You're very lucky if you come out of a job and you know you've got something to go to but I would love to do some Shakespeare after this," she says.

"I love *As You Like It*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Twelfth Night*, I could get my teeth stuck into any of those. But first I'll need a holiday after six months of this – I already hear a Greek island calling!"

The 39 Steps*, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until Sunday. Tickets £10 – £30. Contact: (01223) 503 333 *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com

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Alex loves to sing at The Matlings

HIT singer Alexander O'Neal is coming to Ely.

The American R 'n' B singer will perform at The Maltings on Friday, February 12.

The 56-year-old artist is best-known for his songs *Saturday Love, Fake* and Never *Knew Love Like This*.

He has also done duets with singers including Cherrelle and Criticize.

O'Neal also participated on the British reality singing contest show *Just the Two of Us* in 2006 and 2007.

In 2008, he released Alex Loves, his first studio album in six years and he also took part in a *Wife Swap UK* special, swapping his wife Cynthia with broadcaster and TV personality Jilly Goolden.

Hundreds are expected to attend his gig in Ely, which runs from 8pm-1am.

There will also be Friday Night Boogies with DJ Just Glynn.

Tickets are £15 each.

For tickets, call The Maltings box office on (01353) 662633 or (01353) 669794.

Quacking sounds from northern trio

QUACK Quack, a Yorkshire-based party-prog, post-jazz, guitar-free, polyrythmic instrumental rocking trio, comes to the Portland Arms in Cambridge this weekend.

They take simple, cheap keyboard melodies, add driving bass and then pulsing pan-continental drums. Other comparisons could be made with Africa 70, Trans Am, Led Zep, the JBs and Stereolab.

They avoid the "quiet-loud" clichés of a lot of instrumental rock music, instead pivoting their tunes around subtle shifts in emphasis and feel or sudden escapades into an illogical but utterly exhilarating musical conclusion.

Throughout it all there is a consistent sense of foot-tapping savvy.

The band, along with guests, play on Sunday from 7.30pm. Entry is £5.

Perfect day for Junction as Lou Reed joins party

BY JOHN ELLUL

PIONEERING rock musician Lou Reed will be playing a rare gig at The Junction in Cambridge as part of the venue's 20th birthday celebrations.

The front man of influential 1970's rock band The Velvet Underground will make an appearance at the Cambridge venue on April 17.

Richard Oyarzabal, chief executive of The Junction, said: "To attract an artist of the calibre of Lou Reed for one of our Junction 20 events is an indication of the reputation that The Junction has nationally.

"We shall be announcing further special events throughout the year which will highlight all the different art forms and participatory activities that The Junction will continue to present for the next 20 years."

Lou Reed is best known for his hits, *Walk on the Wild Side*, *Perfect Day* and *Satellite of Love*.

Perfect Day achieved renewed popularity in 1996 when it was featured on the soundtrack of hit movie *Trainspotting*, and reached number one in 1997 when it was covered by various artists for a Children In Need charity single.

The legendary guitarist and singer will appear with his Metal Machine Trio (MM3) at the Clifton Way site, with tickets now on sale.

Under the heading, "A Night of Deep Noise", Reed and band-mates Ulrich Krieger and Sarth Calhoun will play improvised live music and soundscapes.

The band, formed in 2008, use guitars, saxophones and a variety of electronic treatments to create an array of conceptual sounds.

The Junction was founded in 1990 as a "vibrant place for young people", and specialises in comedy, live music, dance and theatre.

More special events are planned throughout 2010 as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Other acts lined up to play this spring include rock group InMe, singer Mr Hudson and punk forefathers Stiff Little Fingers.

Comedians Stewart Lee and Chris Addison are also scheduled to perform at The Junction's 300-capacity J2 room in the coming weeks.

Tickets for the Lou Reed show, at 7pm on April 17, are available for £25 at *www.junction.co.uk*, or phone (01223) 511511.

Legendary: Lou Reed, left, and above, with The Velvet Underground, featuring Nico and John Cale. Below, The Junction, which is celebrating its 20th birthday.

Half-term fun at war museum

IMPERIAL War Museum Duxford has lots on offer for all the family this February half-term, with a host of activities every day between Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 21, bringing Second World War history to life.

There's a *Make do and Mend on the Home Front* session where children can do hands-on craft activities creating wartime toys, propaganda posters and rag rugs.

Meet a costumed interpreter acting the role of a member of the Local Defence Volunteers, or as they were known during the Second World War, Look-Duck-Vanish with *The Real Dad's Army.* Find out more about the role of the Home Guard, the secondary defence force against wartime invasion for Home Front Britain.

Or learn what it was like to fly in the legendary Lancaster bomber during the Second World War. Meet a costumed interpreter acting the role of a Lancaster rear turret gunner and hear all about life as a member of Bomber Command. Discover more about the aircraft and its crew, and hear about the dangerous missions flown.

All activities are included in the standard admission to the museum and, as usual, children go free. No booking is required and all sessions are drop-in.

For more information on what's on over half-term, phone the museum on (01223) 835 000 or go to *www.iwm.org.uk/duxford*

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Glorious 39 (12A): Sun 7.30pm.

CAMBRIDGE VUE
0871 224 0240
Times from Friday, January 29, until Thursday, February 4.

Astro Boy (PG): Sat & Sun 9.40am, 11.50am, 2.10pm, 4.30pm.

Oil City Confidential (Plus Live Event) (15): Tue 7.45pm.

Edge Of Darkness (15): Daily 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 9pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.40pm.

Avatar 3D (12A): Daily 12.30pm, 4pm; Daily except Tue 7.30pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.10 pm.

Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 11.40am, 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.20pm.

44 Inch Chest (18): Daily 9.10pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.35pm.

Brothers (15): Daily except Sat & Sun 11.50am; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.50pm.

The Book Of Eli (15): Daily 6.10pm, 8.50pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 1pm, 3.40pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.30pm.

Up In The Air (15): Daily 3.20pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11pm; Sat & Sun 10.20am.

It's Complicated (15): Daily 12.20pm (subtitled Sun), 3.10pm, 6pm (subtitled Tue), 8.40pm; Sat & Sun 9.50am.

Daybreakers (15): Daily 6.50pm, 9.20pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 2.10pm, 4.30pm.

Alvin And The Chipmunks – The Squeakquel (U): Daily 11.40am, 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm; Sat & Sun 9.40am.

Did You Hear About The Morgans? (PG): Daily 12.40pm.

St Trinians – The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Sat & Sun 10am, 12.20pm, 2.50pm.

Planet 51 (U): Sat & Sun 9.30am.

Ninja Assassin (18): Fri, Sat & Wed 11.20pm.

Ice Age 3 - Dawn Of The Dinosaurs 2d (U): Sat & Sun 10.30am.

CAMBRIDGE CINEWORLD
0871 200 2000
Times from Friday, January 29, until Thursday, February 4.

Astro Boy (PG): Sat & Sun 11.20am, 1.40pm, 4.10pm.

Edge Of Darkness (15): Daily 1.45pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm; Sat & Sun 11.10am.

Toy Story 2 In 3D (U): Daily 4.40pm; Sat & Sun noon, 2.30pm.

Brothers (15): Daily 6.30pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 12.45pm, 3.30pm.

A Prophet (Subtitled) (18): Daily 8.40pm.

The Book Of Eli (15): Daily 1.35pm, 9.25pm; Daily except Sun 4.15pm; Daily except Mon 6.50pm; Sat & Sun 11.05am.

Up In The Air (15): Daily 1.30pm, 4.05pm, 6.45pm, 9.05pm; Sat & Sun 11.15am.

It's Complicated (15): Daily 6.35pm, 9.15pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 1.20pm.

Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 12.10pm, 3pm (subtitled Fri), 6pm, 9pm (subtitled Thu).

Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel (U): Daily 4.30pm; Sat & Sun 12.20pm, 2.20pm.

Avatar 3D(12A): Daily 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5pm, 7pm, 7.30pm, 8.30pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 1pm;Sat & Sun 10.15am.

Chance Pe Dance (Subtitled) (PG): Sun 4.15pm; Mon 6.50pm.

Coraline (PG): Sat 10am.

Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG): Sat 10am.

Up (U): Sat 10am.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS PICTUREHOUSE
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Precious - Based On The Novel Push By Sapphire (15): Daily except Sun 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Daily except Sun & Tue 1.30pm; Sun 12.30pm, 5.30pm, 8pm.

Up In The Air (15): Daily 6.50pm, 9.10pm; Daily except Sat 4.30pm; Fri, Mon & Tue noon; Sun & Wed 2.10pm; Sat 4.40pm.

A Prophet (18): Daily 2pm; Daily except Thu 5.15pm, 8.30pm; Thu 8pm.

Road (15): Fri, Mon & Tue 2.10pm.

Tales From The Golden Age (12A): Daily 11.30am.

NT Live - Nation (15): Sat 1.45pm.

Alliance Francaise - Read My Lips (15): Sun 11am.

Modern Times - The Avant Garde (15): Sun 3pm.

Silent Light (15): Tue 1.30pm.

The Revengers Tragedy (15): Thu 1pm.

The Intruder (15): Thu 5pm.

The Wild (U): Sat 11am.

The Wild (Autism Friendly Screening) (U): Sun 11am.

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Times from Friday, January 29, until Thursday, February 4.

Astro Boy (PG): Sat & Sun 11am, 1.05pm, 3.15pm, 5.25pm.

Edge Of Darkness (15): Daily 4pm, 6.35pm, 9.15pm; Sat & Sun 1.20pm, 3.30pm.

Toy Story 2 In 3D (U): Sat & Sun 11.10ampm; Sun 1.20pm, 3.30pm.

Ninja Assassin (18): Daily 9.20pm.

The Book Of Eli (15): Daily 3.40pm, 6.45pm, 9.30pm; Sat & Sun 1pm.

Up In The Air (15): Daily 3.20pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm; Sat & Sun 12.45pm.

All About Steve (12A): Daily 7pm, 9.25pm.

Daybreakers (15): Daily 7.30pm, 9.50pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 2.45pm, 5.10pm.

It's Complicated (15): Daily 2.20pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm; Sat & Sun 11.40am.

Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm; Sat & Sun 12.20pm.

Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel (U): Daily 2.10pm, 4.35pm, 6.50pm; Sat & Sun noon.

Avatar 3D (12A): Daily except Sat 5.40pm, 9pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 2pm; Sat 6pm, 9.20pm.

Avatar (12A): Daily 4.15pm, 8pm; Sat & Sun 12.40pm.

St. Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Daily 2.05pm, 4.30pm; Sat & Sun 11.30am.

Coraline (PG): Sat 10.05am.

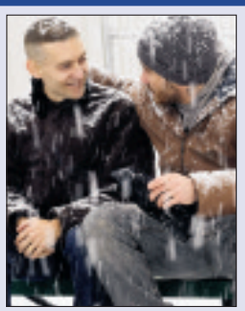
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG): Sat 10.15am.

Up (U): Sat 10.10am.

National Theatre - Live Broadcast - Terry Pratchett's Nation (PG): Sat 1.45pm.

The big film

BROTHERS (15, 104 mins) Drama. Tobey Maguire, Natalie Portman, Jake Gyllenhaal, Sam Shepard, Mare Winningham, Bailee Madison, Taylor Geare, Carey Mulligan.
Director: Jim Sheridan.



ALL'S fair in love and war.

In Jim Sheridan's English language remake of Susanne Bier's celebrated Danish drama *Brodre*, love is war as two siblings – polar opposites – are divided by their deep bond to the same woman.

Like the original film, *Brothers* is distinguished by emotionally raw performances and an escalating tension as the characters' underlying rage and guilt gradually bubble to the surface.

Shrugging off his Spider-Man costume, Tobey Maguire is a revelation as a soldier haunted by his experiences at the hands of the enemy, whose deep psychological wounds threaten to tear his family apart.

Jake Gyllenhaal plies roguish charm as the black sheep of the family and Natalie Portman is in sparkling form as a doting mother, desperately searching for affection in the midst of grief.

Depressingly, scenes set in Afghanistan are just as relevant today as they were five years ago when Bier's picture collected numerous awards.

Tommy Cahill (Gyllenhaal) is released from prison, having served his time for armed robbery.

He begins to rebuild his life by re-establishing links with his parents Hank (Shepard) and Elsie (Winningham), who have always shown preference to his golden boy brother, Sam (Maguire).

The first few days are difficult and Hank makes no bones about flaunting his admiration for Sam, a well-respected captain in the Marines, who is about to embark on his fourth tour of duty.

However, Tommy gets to prove his worth when Sam is dispatched to Afghanistan and his helicopter is shot down over enemy territory.

With his sibling presumed dead, Tommy lends his support to Sam's beautiful wife, Grace (Portman), and her two daughters, Isabelle (Madison) and Maggie (Geare).

Over time, Tommy and Grace grow incredibly close but their mutual attraction, which spills over into a single kiss, is quickly extinguished when Sam is found alive, having been held captive and tortured by the Taliban.

Denials of an affair fall on deaf ears and it is only a matter of time before Sam declares war on the people he holds most dear.

Brothers is an accomplished distillation of Bier's superior 2004 film. Performances are exemplary across the board, including a terrific supporting turn from youngster Madison as the daughter who resents her father's return and screams with tear-filled eyes: "I wish you'd stayed dead!"

Maguire and Portman don't convince as childhood sweethearts but her on-screen chemistry with Gyllenhaal simmers nicely.

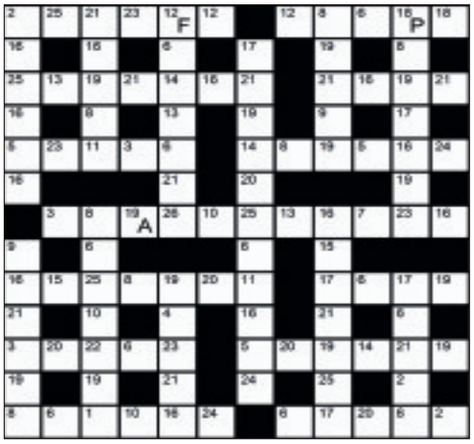
Like the war in Afghanistan, which creates divisions in the Cahill household, there is no swift or neat resolution. The casualties are high.

THE GUIDE

CROSSWORD | SUDOKU | CODEWORD | KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Codeword 9:
Can you crack the code and solve the word puzzle? Each number relates to a letter and every letter of the alphabet is used at least once.

■ Last week's solution is below.



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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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FOUR Ws

1. WHO...directed the 1968 film *Work Is A 4-Letter Word*?
WHAT...do the five points on the white serrated band on the flag of Bahrain represent?
WHERE...in Asia are the cities of Panaji and Ranchi?
WHEN...did the horse Nicolaus Silver win the Grand National?
2. WHO...wrote the stage plays *Whose Life Is It Anyway*? and *The Petition*?
WHAT...Shakespeare play features the character Tullus Aufidius?
WHERE...did the film director Luis Bunuel die in 1983?
WHEN...did the Archie Comics comic book character Archie Andrews first appear?
3. WHO...recorded the 1953 No. 1 single *She Wears Red Feathers*?
WHAT...post has Robin Orr Blair held since 2001?
WHERE...was the film director Terry Gilliam born?
WHEN...was Ahmed Ben Bella elected as the first President of Algeria?

Answers: 1. Peter Hall; The five pillars of Islam; India; 1961. **2.** Brian Clark; Coriolanus; Mexico City; 1941. **3.** Guy Mitchell; The Lord Lyon King of Arms; Minnesota, US; 1963.

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Sudoku 85:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

9	1	6	8	3	7	4	5	2
3	2	4	1	5	9	8	7	6
8	5	7	2	6	4	9	3	1
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4	6	3	7	9	1	5	2	8
5	7	1	6	8	2	3	4	9
2	8	9	3	4	5	6	1	7

■ Last week's solution.

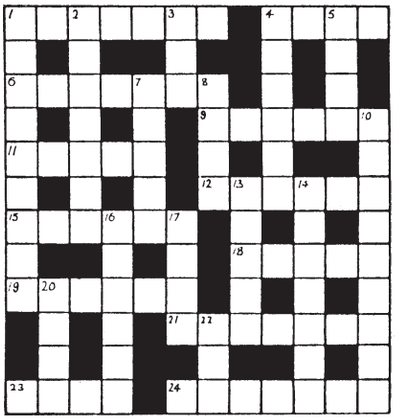
Crossword 2150

Across

1. Act in play for each class. (7)
4. Boy with a dagger. (4)
6. Carry out by river? Charming! (7)
9. Boy discovering the Cancan? (6)
11. Opening from the East for the occasion. (5)
12. Article sketched by boy. (6)
15. Magazine for the gossip, excluding Tory leader. (6)
18. Get up around noon, and wash. (5)
19. Beam back at argument with Herb. (6)
21. Son hoists the bundles of corn. (7)
23. Master of the Stud. (4)
24. Soldier, single, to beg to put on another coat. (7)

Down

1. Soon the gift lay empty. (9)
2. Spin, etc. at random, to choose candidate again. (2-5)
3. Sailor's up at desert. (3)
4. Bothered to have mended socks. (6)
5. Rushed one to Queen. (4)
7. Assembly, note, about one, is bound to disengage. (5)
8. Put up your stake to find volcano. (4)
10. State of freshly-bought garment. (3,6)
13. Tend to like a shark? (5)
14. Read quickly, then drive across. (3,4)
16. Cyril's turned to writing songs. (6)
17. Sounds like a flower's grown in lines. (4)
20. Nearly everyone to become a singer. (4)
22. The man holds nothing but a garden tool. (3)



Solution to 2149: Across: 1. Pelt; 7. Cashew; 8. Page; 10. Irk; 11. Menaces; 12. Tin; 13. Peach; 17. Hears; 19. Moa; 21. Sausage; 22. Sou; 23. Spun; 25. Rueful; 26. Inch. **Down:** 1. Paper; 2. Log; 3. Launch; 4. Shackle; 5. Twister; 6. Making; 9. Emma; 14. Erasure; 15. Capulet; 16. Amused; 17. Hiatus; 18. Ages; 20. Ranch; 24. Pin.

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Planting survey says it's time to go back to basics

So, BBC *Gardeners' World* is going back to basics this year, replacing its trendy 60-minute format with the old 30-minute slots aimed at its core audience.

And judging by some recent research, it's about time we all went back to basics as far as growing our own is concerned.

Despite the rising popularity of the 'grow-your-own' movement, the majority of the population is in the dark about when to plant some of the most popular fruit and veg, according to research by *Gardeners' World* magazine, kicking off its Grow Yourself Healthy campaign for 2010.

Do you know exactly when to sow your runner beans, plant your onions and harden off tomatoes, or the best time for planting fruit trees and bushes?

Nearly 2,000 readers of BBC magazines were asked about

by Hannah Stephenson

the best time to plant 20 of the most popular crops. More than 50 per cent of those surveyed either had no idea or were incorrect on nine out of 10 fruits listed and six out of 10 vegetables.

This suggests a great deal more support will be needed if the nation's growers are to get the best results.

Adam Pasco, editor of *Gardeners' World* magazine, says: "It is perhaps not surprising that there is a great deal of ignorance about when to plant and grow, particularly given the 24/7 availability of so many vegetables and fruit in supermarkets.

"Perhaps this is also a reason many people are not as successful as they might be when giving it a go, but with the right knowledge, the results can be sensational."

The research found that people were least knowledgeable about plums, with just one in five aware that October and November are the planting months, while only 30 per cent knew that the best time for planting blueberries is between October and March. And despite the popularity of growing raspberries in the UK, only 35 per cent knew when to plant them.

People had the most knowledge about strawberries, with more than half getting the planting season, between March and September, right.

Fruits which are best planted between October and March include apples, blackberries and tayberries, blackcurrants, cherries, gooseberries, elderberries, quince, red and whitecurrants.

With vegetables, only 26 per cent of people surveyed knew that May and June were the right months to plant out runner beans.

Onions and tomatoes were the vegetables people knew most about planting, sowing onions outdoors between February and June and planting outdoor tomato plants in May and June.

Veg which can be sown outdoors from March onwards, depending on region (if you live in a cooler spot you may want to leave them until April) include beetroot, broad beans, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbages, leeks, peas and salad leaves.

Those who want to sow some early veg can do so indoors, with the help of a myriad of products including heated propagators, self-watering seed starting systems and light systems in which seed trays sit beneath a hood of fluorescent bulbs which provide the light needed for healthy vigorous growth.

Pasco says: "Many salads, herbs and crops can be sown

Grow your own: most respondents knew when to plant tomatoes and onions but had little knowledge of when to sow other vegetables and fruits.

indoors on a warm, bright windowsill or in a greenhouse. The earliest sowings during February and March will benefit from extra warmth that can be provided by using a small electric propagator, while keen gardeners can benefit from larger models providing greater space and temperature control.

"By April and May weather conditions will have warmed-up, and electric propagators are no longer essential, but remember that the later a crop is sown the later it will develop and mature.

"Even early outdoor sowings made during March and April will benefit from cloche or fleece covering to both warm the soil and provide shelter from cold conditions, especially at night."

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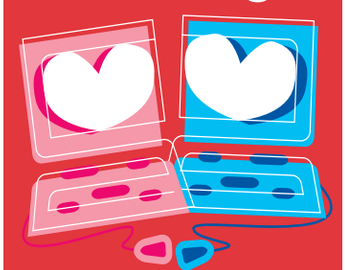
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THE GUIDE | WEEKEND TV

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen.**
11.35 **Rachel Allen: Home Cooking.**
12.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
12.15 **Football Focus.**
1.00 **Australian Open Tennis.** The women's singles final.
2.00 **Live Athletics.** The annual team event at Kelvin Hall in Glasgow.
4.30 **Final Score.** Round-up of football results.
5.10 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.30 **Total Wipeout.** 20 more contestants compete in physically demanding purpose-built obstacle course.
6.30 **So You Think You Can Dance.** The remaining eight hopefuls push their skills further in a bid to impress the judges.
7.30 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.**
8.20 **So You Think You Can Dance.** The results, which sees the four dancers with the fewest viewer votes forced to perform their solo pieces for the judges.
8.50 **Casualty.** May's father offers her the chance to cheat in an exam, but she is determined to prove she can do well without him.
9.40 **Live at the Apollo.**
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Highlights of today's Premier League clashes.
11.50 **The Football League Show.**
1.05 **Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.**

BBC2

6.00 **Big Cook Little Cook.**
6.20 **Clifford.**
6.35 **Boo!**
6.45 **Louie.**
7.00 **Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.25 **Sportsround.**
7.40 **What's New Scooby-Doo?**
8.00 **Richard Hammond's Blast Lab.**
8.30 **Jump Nation.**
9.30 **Prank Patrol.**
10.00 **Ed and Oucho.**
10.30 **Keep Your Enemies Close.**
11.00 **The Slammer.**
11.30 **Animals at Work.**
12.00 **Greek.**
12.45 **BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.**
1.05 **BBC Switch: The Well.**
1.30 **BBC Switch: The Cut.**
2.00 **All Saints.**
2.45 **FILM: The Journey of Natty Gann (1985).** Disney adventure.
4.20 **Dolly Parton: Live from London.**
5.30 **Dolly Parton: Platinum Blonde.** Profile of the country singer.
6.30 **A History of Christianity.**
7.30 **Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World.** Examines the growth of Britain's empire in the late 18th century.
8.30 **The Virtual Revolution.**
9.30 **QI XL.**
10.15 **Heroes.** A different side of Sylar emerges as he tries to remember the person he used to be.
11.00 **FILM: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005).** Sci-fi comedy, Martin Freeman stars.
12.40 **FILM: Anatomy of a Murder (1959).** Courtroom drama.

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **The Planet's Funniest Animals.**
9.55 **The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.**
10.25 **Popstar to Operastar.**
11.55 **News and Weather.**
12.05 **FILM: K-9: PI (2003).** Crime comedy sequel, starring James Belushi.
1.50 **FILM: Fletch Lives (1989).** Comedy sequel, starring Chevy Chase.
3.30 **Best Ever Hidden Camera Stunts.** Classic hoaxes.
4.30 **News and Weather.**
5.00 **FILM: Ice Age (2002).** Animated adventure, with the voice of John Leguizamo.
6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** A selection of camcorder calamities.
7.00 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** The comedian looks back at the week's small-screen highlights.
7.30 **Take Me Out.** A ballet dancer, an Irish barman, a magician and a Welsh actor try to impress 30 single women in the dating game.
8.30 **All Star Mr & Mrs.**
9.30 **FILM: Nine Months (1995).** A child psychologist's well-ordered world begins to fall apart when his live-in girlfriend announces she is pregnant. Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant.
11.20 **ITV News;** Weather.
11.35 **FILM: The River (1984)** Drama, starring Mel Gibson.
1.50 **FILM: Pieces of April (2003).** Comedy drama.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Treacle People.**
6.10 **The Hoobs.**
7.00 **Freesports on 4.**
7.30 **World Sport.**
8.00 **The Morning Line.**
8.55 **T4: Friends.**
9.55 **T4: Glee.**
10.55 **T4: 4Music Favourites: Ke$ha.**
11.25 **T4: Friends.**
11.55 **T4: Celebrity Big Brother: The Final.**
12.55 **T4: Celebrity Big Brother: The Final.**
1.55 **Channel 4 Racing.**
3.55 **Three Hungry Boys.**
4.25 **Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.** Four instalments of the culinary competition.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Britain's Big Freeze.** As Britain experiences one of the coldest winters in decades, this documentary examines the reasons for the weather and also the consequences of it.
8.00 **FILM: The Day After Tomorrow (2004).** A climatologist warns climate change will soon result in destructive freak weather conditions. He thinks the world still has time to prepare but the crisis happens almost immediately. Disaster thriller.
10.20 **FILM: Pitch Black (2000).** The survivors of a spaceship crash are attacked by nocturnal predators when an eclipse plunges the alien planet into darkness. Sci-fi horror.
12.20 **Big Brother's Big Mouth.**

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6.00 **Sunrise.**
7.00 **Elmo's World.**
7.15 **Fireman Sam.**
7.30 **Milkshake Monkey**
7.35 **Chiro.**
7.40 **Make Way for Noddy.**
7.55 **Milkshake! Bop Box.**
8.00 **Hana's Helpline.**
8.15 **Mist: Sheepdog Tales.**
8.30 **Adventures of Bottle Top Bil.**
8.50 **Harry and His Bucket Full.**
9.00 **Olivia.**
9.15 **The Mr Men Show.**
9.30 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **NFL UK.**
11.00 **Extreme Fishing with Robson Green.**
12.00 **Zoo Days.**
12.20 **FILM: Patch Adams (1998).** Comedy drama.
2.30 **FILM: Cutaway (2000).** Action thriller, starring Stephen Baldwin.
4.35 **Five News.**
4.45 **FILM: The Postman (1997).** Apocalyptic adventure.
7.45 **NCIS.** Two Marines' wives are murdered.
8.40 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Nick investigates a smash-and-grab, but feels frustrated at not being given more challenging cases.
9.40 **CSI: NY.**
10.40 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The rape and murder of a student puts the detectives on the trail of a killer with an expert knowledge of forensics.
11.35 **Crime Scene Academy.**
12.05 **SuperCasino.**

Mrs Mandela
BBC2, Sunday, 10.50pm

Wild at Heart
ITV, Sunday, 8.30pm

Mo
Channel Four, Sunday, 9pm

Vacancy
five, Sunday, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.35 **Match of the Day.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.**
11.00 **Country Tracks.**
12.00 **The Politics Show.**
1.00 **Cash in the Attic.**
1.45 **'Allo 'Allo!** Helga agrees to marry Herr Flick.
2.15 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica solves a voodoo murder.
3.05 **EastEnders.** Omnibus.
4.55 **Songs of Praise.** From Peterborough's KingsGate Community Church.
5.30 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
6.00 **Countryfile.**
7.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce takes the team to Bath's Assembly Rooms.
8.00 **Lark Rise to Candleford.** Measles spreads through the children of Lark Rise, and as the women find themselves caring for the sick, it becomes increasingly unlikely that the harvest will be gathered on time.
9.00 **Seven Ages of Britain.** David Dimbleby traces 2,000 years of history through the art and artefacts that chart the social, political and cultural development of Britain.
10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Would I Lie to You?**
10.55 **FILM: Seraphim Falls (2006).** Western thriller.
12.45 **Sign Zone: Dear Diary.**

BBC2

6.00 **Big Cook Little Cook.**
6.20 **Clifford.**
6.35 **Boo!**
6.45 **Louie.**
7.00 **Dani's House.**
7.30 **Tracy Beaker Returns.**
8.00 **Spirit Warriors.**
8.30 **Live Australian Open Tennis.** Coverage of the men's singles final from Melbourne Park.
12.00 **Animal Park.**
12.30 **Escape to the Country.**
1.15 **FILM: 3:10 to Yuma (1957).** Western, with Glenn Ford and Van Heflin.
2.45 **All Saints.**
3.30 **Live Africa Cup of Nations Final.** The showpiece match (Kick-off 4pm).
6.15 **Ski Sunday.** Graham Bell and Ed Leigh present highlights of the men's World Cup slalom race from Schladming, Austria, which took place under floodlights. Last in the series.
7.00 **Lost Kingdoms of Africa.** Art historian Gus Casely-Hayford traces the origins of the Nubia kingdom back to 10,000BC.
8.00 **The Best of Top Gear.** A compilation of the teams finest moments from the past year, featuring challenges and stunts.
9.00 **The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart.** Examining the diverse waterways of the Great Rift Valley in East Africa.
10.00 **Match of the Day 2.**
10.50 **Mrs Mandela.**
12.25 **The Persuasionists.**

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **Coronation Street.**
11.45 **News and Weather.**
11.55 **FILM: Clockwise (1986).** An obsessively punctual headmaster's trip turns into a frantic race against time after he catches the wrong train. Comedy, starring John Cleese.
1.45 **FILM: Columbo: Dead Weight (1971).** The detective suspects a renowned war hero is a killer, but has a hard time backing up his hunch. Crime drama.
3.15 **Agatha Christie's Poirot.** A wealthy patriarch disinherits his son just before dying.
5.15 **News and Weather.**
5.45 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** The week's small-screen highlights.
6.15 **Dancing on Ice.** The 11 remaining contestants skate to hits of the 1970s, hoping to wow the judges and viewers.
8.30 **Wild at Heart.** Danny confides in Du Plessis that he intends to ask Alice to marry him, but the arrival of his stepdaughter Olivia threatens to derail his plans.
9.30 **Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.** The two couples who have gained the least support from viewers skate again to stay in the competition.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather. (T) 286986
10.15 **The South Bank Show Awards.**
11.40 **FILM: De-Lovely (2004).** Biopic of composer Cole Porter.
1.50 **FILM: When Good Ghouls Go Bad (2001)** Fantasy comedy.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Hoobs.**
6.50 **Beach Volleyball.**
7.45 **Running to the Limits.**
8.45 **T4: The Hills.**
9.10 **T4: Friends.**
9.45 **T4: Hollyoaks.**
12.20 **T4: Cheryl Cole: Video Exclusive.**
12.25 **T4: Beyonce: I Am Yours – An Intimate Performance from Wynn, Las Vegas.**
1.25 **T4: Friends.**
1.55 **T4: Beyonce: For the Record.**
2.55 **T4: 90210.**
3.45 **T4: The Simpsons.** Ned Flanders opens a shop.
4.15 **T4: The Simpsons.** Bart is befriended by mobsters.
4.45 **Deal or No Deal.**
5.35 **Glee.** Kurt plays football to impress his father.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **The Bible: A History.** War correspondent Rageh Omaar studies Abraham, regarded as a unifying ancestor of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.
8.00 **Celebrity Come Dine with Me.** Jan Leeming, ex-EastEnders star David Spinx, Donal MacIntyre and singer Javine Hylton take turns hosting what they hope will be the perfect dinner party.
9.00 **Mo.**
11.10 **FILM: The Omen (2006).** Remake of the 1976 horror classic.
1.15 **Bleach, Nip, Tuck: The White Beauty Myth.**

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8.50 **Harry and His Bucket Full.**
9.00 **Olivia.**
9.15 **The Mr Men Show.**
9.35 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **Hannah Montana.**
10.35 **Wizards of Waverly Place.**
11.10 **Zoo Days.**
11.20 **A Concert with Andre Rieu.**
12.05 **Top Trumps: All Terrain Vehicles.**
12.35 **Ice Road Truckers.**
1.35 **Dreams Come True: A Celebration of Disney Animation.**
2.35 **Mickey and the Seal.**
2.40 **FILM: Prince Charming (2001).** Fairy-tale fantasy.
4.35 **Mickey Mouse: Lonesome Ghosts.**
4.40 **FILM: Aladdin (1992).** Animated adventure.
6.35 **Five News.**
6.40 **FILM: Superman III (1983).** Comic-book adventure sequel.
9.00 **FILM: Vacancy (2007).** Horror.
10.45 **FILM: The Blair Witch Project (1998).** Horror.
12.20 **Urban Legends.**

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PROPERTY

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at a glance

- Offers around £450,000
- Equestrian property
- Four bedrooms
- Gardens and land
- Garage

Spacious home with equestrian facilities

OFFERS around £450,000 are invited for this attractive equestrian property in Ward Way, Witchford.

It offers superb southerly views and is located within easy distance of village amenities.

The accommodation includes an entrance hall/dining hall, kitchen, utility room, ground-floor shower room, study, living room, four bedrooms, a spacious en suite and a family bathroom.

There is driveway parking, a single garage and gardens to the side and rear. The grounds are a particular feature and extend to over six acres comprising paddocks, agricultural land and a stable block.

For further details, contact Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

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PROPERTY

Imposing period residence

THIS imposing detached property is believed to date back to the 1700s.

It stands in Hall Street, Soham, and is on the market for £300,000.

Inside, the accommodation includes an entrance hall, living room with inglenook fireplace and beamed ceiling, a dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, bathroom and three double bedrooms.

Mature gardens can be found to the rear, and a driveway provides ample parking.

This property is in need of some modernisation, but has tremendous potential. Contact Cheffins for further details on (01353) 654900.

Reviewing your mortgage could save you money

LOCAL estate agent William H Brown is urging homeowners to review their mortgage deals following news that monthly payments are at their lowest point since 1996, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

Although falling interest rates have already decreased mortgage costs for many, there are opportunities for further savings if individuals take the initiative to review and possibly rearrange their mortgage at this time.

"Many people have seen their mortgage payments decrease over the last year, so it is easy to be complacent about whether you are on the best rate," says Stephen Rivett of William H Brown in Ely. "It is possible that there are further savings to be had, as well as freeing up a lump sum of cash, giving people more disposable income to do things like pay off outstanding debts, save for a summer holiday or just enjoy more disposable cash each month."

William H Brown is part of the Sequence Group, which was recently named the Best Financial Agent at the Estate Agency of the Year Awards. The judges' report highlighted the particular qualities of the branches' financial services, describing how they remained: "Very focused on delivering quality customer care [and] an excellent example of a professional business providing quality levels of service." The Group also collected awards for Best UK Large Agency and Best Lettings.

To find out more about how William H Brown can help you review and re-arrange your mortgage, or if you would like some advice on the local property market, please visit their branch at 6 Forehill, Ely, or call (01353) 663311.

Stephen Rivett, of William H Brown in Ely

PROPERTY

Revamped service takes hassle out of moving home

Barratt Northampton offers both the part-exchange and Movemaker schemes at Cathedral View, in Ely

IT'S a familiar story. Lots of homeowners would like to move house but are struggling to sell their old home, with few viewings and not enough serious interest.

But help is now at hand because Barratt Northampton has revamped its celebrated part-exchange service.

Either they will buy your old home in just seven days when you purchase a new Barratt property. Or they will sell your existing home for you – free of charge – through their Movemaker service.

All photography is taken care of and your property is advertised and marketed locally.

Either way, you can buy and sell in one easy move and side-step most of the hassle and cost usually associated with selling your property.

Buyers can get fair market value for their old home and will have no Home Information Pack (HIP) or estate agents' fees to pay. Best of all, they will have no worries about the dreaded 'chain' breaking.

"Because of the fall in house prices in the last three years, the gap between the price of your current home and the one you want to move up to is likely to be significantly smaller than it was in 2007," said Paul Walker, sales director for Barratt Northampton. "So now is an ideal time to move to a bigger home.

"Our revamped part-exchange service works like part-exchanging a car. We will consider buying your current property so that you are free to buy one of ours. We arrange for the property to be valued by two independent valuers and make a fair offer based on these valuations.

"We are a guaranteed cash buyer, there's no chain, no agents' fees or last minute price haggling.

"Movemaker is another stress-free way of moving to a better home. We will sell your current property for you and do everything a good estate agent does without charging a penny."

Both the part-exchange and Movemaker schemes are available at Cathedral View, Kings Avenue, in Ely, which comprises two-bedroom apartments priced from £134,999 and three-bedroom houses priced from £205,999.

Househunters can also head down to Bishopsgate, Kings Avenue in Ely, where there is a range of two, three and four-bedroom houses priced from £171,999.

For more information, contact 0844 811 3399 or log on to *www.barratthomes.co.uk*.

YOUR GUIDE TO MOVING HOME

1 **Moving home can be a complicated business and, in the hectic run to the big day, it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Property News offers their readers this handy checklist that should help avoid major pitfalls. We suggest you tick off the items as you deal with them...**

WITH FOUR WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ Check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ Make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move.
- ☐ Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ Notify British Telecom and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone facilities at your new home.
- ☐ Arrange for change of address cards to be printed.

WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Confirm all arrangements, times etc, for meter readings, disconnections and reconnections, with authorities and with your buyer and seller.
- ☐ Make sure you have a good stock of packing materials, including sturdy boxes and plenty of string and sticky tape.
- ☐ Begin to throw out unwanted items from attics, wardrobes. What you really don't want you may as well dump now, or send to charity. It's a great time for a good sort out!

WITH ONE WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ Send off change of address cards.
- ☐ Arrange and pay for automatic redirection of your mail by the Post Office.
- ☐ Cancel and pay up accounts for routine delivery services such as milk, groceries, fuel and your Cambridge Evening News. Re-organise these deliveries for your new address.
- ☐ Defrost refrigerators in preparation for move and, if you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

WITH ONE DAY TO GO:

- ☐ Complete your packing except for those items you are likely to need overnight, and prepare a picnic for moving day.
- ☐ Have a large enough cash 'float' available to deal with unexpected expenses, and make sure you have collected documents and valuables together in a safe place.
- ☐ Cover carpets which are being left behind, so as to minimise damage during furniture removal.
- ☐ Check through previous lists to make sure nothing has been overlooked, then enjoy a worry-free early night!

2 ON MOVING DAY:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Pack items for washing/toiletries.
- ☐ Take down curtains.
- ☐ Take up rugs, carpets, floor coverings, as required.
- ☐ Dismantle any light fittings etc., not included in the sale.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler/central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Leave key as arranged with new owners.
- ☐ On arrival at your new home, unpack slowly and methodically so that you can check for loss or damage.

3 EXTRA HINTS FOR A SMOOTH MOVE...

WHO TO NOTIFY:

- ☐ Banks.
- ☐ Building Societies.
- ☐ Credit companies.
- ☐ Insurance companies.
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and Water Boards.
- ☐ Telephone company.
- ☐ Local Authority (Rating Department).
- ☐ Driving Licence authorities.
- ☐ Inland Revenue.
- ☐ Store cards and accounts.
- ☐ Other lease, hire or rental companies.
- ☐ Employer.
- ☐ Doctor.
- ☐ Dentist.
- ☐ Schools.
- ☐ Professional Bodies/Trade Unions.
- ☐ Motoring organisations.
- ☐ Newsagent.
- ☐ Friends and relatives.

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NEW

Meadow Court Littleport **£169,950**

Semi detached 5 bedroom family home
Greatly improved and extended by the current owners, offers the following accommodation; Entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 5 bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden with raised patio area, single garage & driveway providing ample off road parking.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

SOLD STC

Ashley Gardens Littleport **£107,000**

Two bed end of terraced in popular location.
Offering good access to Cambridge & London via the A10/M11 & the mainline Station (Kings Cross/Kings Lynn Line). Comprising; Ent hall, living/dining room, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden & driveway. An ideal first time buy or investment opportunity & is sold with the benefit of no upper chain.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

White House Road Little Ouse **£349,950**

Beautifully renovated detached bungalow on approx 2/3 acre
Situated within a rural location & set within approx 2/3 acre (sts) of beautifully maintained garden land this 4 bedroom detached bungalow has been renovated throughout to an exceptionally high standard & offers spacious and well presented accommodation. No upper chain, an internal viewing is strongly recommended.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Millfield Littleport **£299,995**

Superb detached bungalow in sought after location
Accommodation is spacious & beautifully presented & comprises; Ent hall, kitchen, utility, dining room, living room, sun room, 3 double bedrooms with ensuite to master, large family bathroom, integral double garage with electric doors, driveway providing ample off road parking & landscaped rear garden. Must be viewed
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

Ely Road Littleport **£220,000**

Detached 3 bedroom bungalow on large plot
The property offers generous accommodation over two floors comprising; Large entrance hall, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, two ground floor bedrooms, bathroom, first floor bedroom with ensuite bathroom, front and rear gardens measuring in excess of 100ft, detached garage and driveway. Must be viewed
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Avocet Grove Soham **£205,000**

Modern 4 bedroom detached townhouse
The spacious and well presented accommodation comprises; Ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, living room, study/bedroom 4, 3 further bedrooms with ensuites to bedroom 1 & 2, family bathroom, rear garden & single garage . Sold with the benefit of No Upper Chain and viewing is essential.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Fishers Bank Littleport **£178,000**

Modern semi detached four bedroom family home
Situated on a generous plot offering spacious accommodation comprising; Ent hall, cloak, kitchen, utility room, living room, dining room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms, ensuite to master, fam bathroom, front & rear gardens, single garage & driveway. Sold with no upper chain an internal viewing is highly recommended.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Meadow Close Witchford **£134,950**

Two bedroom mid terraced overlooking open fields
Located just a 5 minute drive from Ely this mid terraced home overlooks open fields to the front and offers spacious accommodation that comprises; Living room, fitted kitchen/dining room, rear lobby, cloakroom, two double bedrooms, bathroom, low maintenance enclosed rear garden and allocated parking.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Primrose Lane Soham **£99,950**

One bedroom end of terraced in popular village
Ideally situated for the local shops & amenities, offering easy access to the A14, Cambridge & Ely.Comprising; Living/dining room, kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, low maintenance garden & allocated parking. Sold with the benefit of no upper chain & is an ideal first time buy or investment opportunity.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Ely Road Little Downham **£179,995**

Modern 3 bedroom family home in popular village
This modern end of terraced home offers spacious accommodation comprising; Ent Hall, cloakroom, kitchen, Living/Dining Room, 3 double bedrooms with en-suite to large master bedroom, family Bathroom, enclosed rear garden & 2 allocated parking spaces. The property is sold with the benefit of no upper chain.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

SOLD STC

Fleet Close Littleport **£179,995**

Two bed detached bungalow centrally located
Comprising, Ent hall, living room, kitchen/dining room, lobby, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, small courtyard garden to rear, further gardens to front and side, single garage and driveway. The property is sold with the benefit of no upper chain & internal viewing is recommended
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

White House Road Little Ouse **£132,000**

3 bedroom semi detached home on generous plot
Situated on a generous plot in a rural location and located just a short drive from the well served village of Littleport. Accommodation comprises; Entrance hall, living room, kitchen, bathroom, rear porch, WC, three bedrooms, front and rear gardens and driveway providing ample off road parking.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Dexter Lane Littleport **£149,950**

3 bed semi on modern development
Offering well presented & spacious accommodation comprising; Ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, living/ dining room, 3 bedrooms with ensuite to master, family bathroom, enclosed landscaped rear garden, car barn & driveway. The property is sold with the benefit of no upper chain & viewing is recommended.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Black Horse Drove Littleport **OIEO £140,000**

Detached 2 bedroom bungalow overlooking farmland
Recently modernised & improved the property comprises; Ent hall, lounge/diner, conservatory, re fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms with ensuite to master, bathroom, detached garage with driveway & gardens to front, rear & side. Benefiting from oil central heating & double glazing throughout & is sold with no upper chain
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

White House Road Little Ouse **£114,995**

Well presented two bedroom home over looking open fields
Situated in a rural location this well presented home is offered to the market with the benefit of no upper chain and accommodation comprises; Entrance hall, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms, bathroom, large rear garden with beautiful views and ample off road parking. Simply must be viewed
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Black Horse Drove Littleport **£178,500**

Detached bungalow set on a generous plot in rural location
Situated in a rural location with far reaching views this detached bungalow sits on a generous plot & comprises; Large ent hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 4, kitchen, utility room, 3 further bedrooms, fam bathroom, driveway & large rear garden. Requiring some modernisation this must be viewed to appreciate.
LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

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Ideal Location £209,950

Exceptionally well presented three storey end terrace home with landscaped garden, situated in a popular location.

ELY... An end terrace property situated in a popular development ideally located for St Johns School. The accommodation is exceptionally well presented throughout and offers a kitchen/diner with range cooker, lounge with patio doors to landscaped garden, four bedrooms, three on the middle floor and on the top floor a master suite with built in wardrobes and en-suite.

- Town House
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite
- Garage

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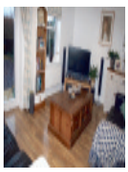
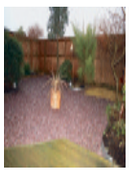
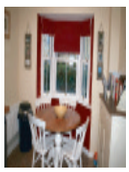

Ideal Family Home £235,000

SOHAM... This detached home is ideal for a family, with generous reception rooms, including separate dining room and study/playroom, newly fitted kitchen and en-suite. The garden is generous in size and enclosed with access to the front.

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Move In £158,500

SOHAM....Semi detached family home, offering three bedrooms, kitchen/diner, lounge, bathroom with no upward chain. Situated in the town of Soham which offers schools, shops and amenities.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 5859

Charming Home £147,500

LITTLEPORT...A rarely available two bedroom bungalow style property, being part of a old school house conversion, situated close to the centre of Littleport with all its amenities. Comprises; Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Radiators, Low Maintenance Gardens, Double Glazing, Parking For Two Cars.

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 6232

Modern Home £140,000

SOHAM...An immaculate two bedroom home. Situated within this popular development.

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Lovely Location £140,000

Three bedroom middle terrace property is an ideal investment or first time buy. No Chain!

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Look! £139,950

LITTLEPORT..IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY!! A two bedroom end of terracemodern home, situated within this quiet and popular location. The property offers generous accommodation.

VIEWING IS A MUST Ref: 6225

Go For It £137,500

SOHAM...A very well maintained two bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The property has off road parking for two cars, and would be an excellent first time purchase.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 5590

Go For It £107,000

SOHAM...A modern two bedroom end terraced home, situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location on the southern edge of Soham. The property represents an ideal first time buy, and has off road parking.

VIEW NOW Ref: 6167

Location OIRO £120,000

SOHAM...End terrace bungalow situated in a prime location close to the town centre of Soham.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6179

Modern Interior £127,500

SOHAM...Delightfully presented middle terrace house situated within a sought after cu-de-sac in Soham. Offering a lounge/diner, newly fitted kitchen and bathroom, UPVC double glazing, enclosed rear garden and off road parking for two cars. VIEW TODAY

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6221

Rural £250,000

PRICKWILLOW...An individual and charming four bedroom detached home, brimming with character, and situated within a quiet lane on the edge of this peaceful village.

VIEW NOW Ref: 6042

Chain Free £152,950

SOHAM...A chain free detached two bedroom modern bungalow, situated in an established location, close to Soham centre. The property is available for early occupation and benefits from parking.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6166

Soham

READY TO MOVE IN!

£145,000

Imaculate 2 bedroom home with parking - call Ely, for further information.

Soham

GO FOR IT!

£107,000

Two bedroom first time buyer home - VIEW NOW!

Quaint Cottage £137,995

SOHAM...Well presented cottage situated in a quiet street with a light and airy feel throughout.

SOHAM...Well presented cottage situated in a quiet street with a light and airy feel throughout. Offering a spacious kitchen/diner, lounge, conservatory, bathroom, three bedrooms and a large enclosed rear garden. Situated in the town of Soham which offers an array of shops, amenities & schools.

- Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

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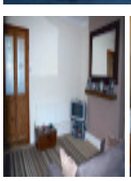
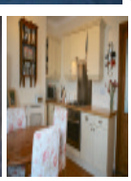

Potential £69,999

SOHAM..Ground floor apartment requiring some cosmetic updating this accommodation.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 5936

O.I.E.O £125,000

LITTLEPORT..A mature three bedroom semi detached property offering kitchen

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 5735

Family £174,950

SOHAM...A well presented three/four bedroom, three storey town house.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6186

Spacious £79,995

LITTLEPORT...This ground floor apartment is situated in a small cul-de-sac location.

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Ideal Location £109,995

LITTLEPORT...Three bedroom middle terrace home offering, kitchen, lounge, bathroom, garden & off road parking.

VIEW NOW! Ref: 6188

Renovation £169,950

PYMOOR...A rare opportunity to aquire this detached bungalow, situated in a semi rural location.

CALL NOW TO VIEW Ref: 6055

No Upward Chain £152,500

WITCHAM...Delightful link detached bungalow situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac within the village of Witcham. The accommodation is well presented throughout and offers a lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms. No Upward Chain.

DONT MISS THIS!! Ref: 6140

Spacious £295,000

WICKEN...This detached home has been much improved by the current owners and is deceptively spacious throughout. The accommodation offers a 20ft' lounge, 23ft' newly fitted kitchen, newly fitted shower room & garden.

VIEW NOW! Ref: 6056

Just Move In £137,500

SOHAM...A well presented three bedroom semi detached home, benefitting from a garage and additional parking to the front. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Garage and Gardens.

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SOHAM
O/A £129,995

A superb detached Coach House style, two bedroom maisonette with its own garden area well situated in a small cul de sac on this popular development. Ground Floor Hall, First Floor Hall, L-Shaped Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Garage and Garden Area.

LITTLEPORT

An immaculate detached residence with annexe set in mature landscaped gardens in a sought after cul de sac within this well served village location.Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Spacious Kitchen/Dining Room, Potential Annexe, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage.

O/A £215,000

LITTLEPORT

TWO exceptionally spacious four bedroom semi detached houses, being built in a cul de sac location by BUCKINGHAM & SPARROW Ltd., Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, Garage, NHBC.

£220,000

LITTLE DOWNHAM
O/A £280,000

A delightful spacious individual three bedroom detached residence with garage and patking tucked away in a corner with a large green area to the front and superb far reaching views from the first floor.

WITCHFORD
O/A £400,000

An extremely spacious imposing modern individual detached house well situated in this popular village. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room, Utility Room, Five Bedrooms, En-Suite to Master, Family Bathroom, Gardens, Garage.

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LITTLEPORT
O/A £395,000

An impressive quality built exceptionally spacious individual four/five bedroom detached residence with attached double garage standing on a delightful plot of about 1/4 of an acre and is situated in a highly regarded location.

STRETHAM
O/A £165,000

A semi detached cottage with spacious, well presented accommodation. Front Entrance Lobby, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen/Dining Area, Rear Entrance Lobby, Bathroom, Small Rear Conservatory/Entrance Area, Three Bedrooms, Oil Fired Radiator Central Heating, Double Glazed Replacement Windows to most main rooms, Gardens.

LITTLE DOWNHAM

An improved well presented detached house with spacious accommodation well situated in a corner of a small cul de sac. Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Area, Utility Area, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Single Garage, Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

O/A £189,950

LITTLEPORT

A delightful older style three bedroom detached cottage with many charming features situated on the edge of the village close to the river and main line railway station.

O/A £179,950

ELY
O/A £225,000

An exceptionally well presented three double bedroom semi detached house which has been expertly transformed into a highly individual spacious townhouse, well situated under half a mile from the City Centre.

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LITTLEPORT

An older style two bedroom detached bungalow, in need of some further updating, situated within easy distance of the village centre. Rear Entrance Conservatory, Kitchen/Dining Area, Bathroom, Sitting Room, Wet Room, Rear Garden Area, Parking.

O/A £99,950

LITTLE DOWNHAM

A delightful modernised 3 bedroom detached cottage with spacious accommodation standing on just under 3/4 of an acre (sts) with gardens and outbuildings, plus a grass field of just over 1 acre (sts) situated in rural surroundings (suitable for equestrian use).

O/A £315,000

SOUTHERY
O/A £240,000

An appealing double fronted three bedroom period farmhouse set on a large plot with beautifully landscaped gardens backing onto the river Great Ouse.

HADDENHAM
O/A £154,950

An extended semi detached cottage with deceptively spacious versatile accommodation and 108' rear garden situated. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room, Rear Reception/Dining Room/Bedroom 3, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two FF Bedrooms, C.H., D.G., Garage & Parking.

WICKEN

A charming three bedroom, (two interconnecting) Grade II Listed detached thatched cottage dating back originally to around 1650, together with the 'Old Forge' which has planning consent to be converted to a two bedroom annex.

O/A £287,500

ELY

A particularly well presented three bedroom corner terraced house with garage tucked away at the end of this close in an attractive courtyard style setting. Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage, Parking Space.

O/A £159,950

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SOHAM

A stunning brand new three bedroom, two bathroom house which forms part of a stylish new development of properties by the well known builders Messrs. Wilcon Homes.

£695 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - UNFURNISHED

MEPAL

A semi detached bungalow which is offered in good decorative order throughout with the benefit of double glazing. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Lobby, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Good Sized Rear Garden.

£550 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - UNFURNISHED

SOHAM

A modern detached three bedroom property in an appealing cul de sac situation. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Driveway Parking, Front and Rear Gardens

£725 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - UNFURNISHED

SOHAM

A newly built two bedroom Coach House situated at the end of a cul de sac. Landing, Two Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Living Room, Kitchen, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Reserved Parking Space.

UNFURNISHED.

£525 pcm

AVAILABLE END JANUARY

ELY

A well appointed three bedroom terraced property in an appealing cul de sac situation less than a mile from the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Living Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage & Driveway Parking, Double Glazing.

£725 pcm

AVAILABLE END FEBRUARY - UNFURNISHED

SUTTON

A well proportioned one bedroom end of terraced property, which lies in a cul de sac situation literally a couple of minutes walk from the High Street, in this well served popular village location. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Bathroom, Living Room, One Large Bedroom, Front and Rear Gardens.

UNFURNISHED

£430 pcm

SUTTON

A spacious five bedroom family home. Front Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility Room, Large Living Room/Dining Area, Five Bedrooms, En-Suite to Master & Balcony, Family Bathroom, Study, Electric Storage Heaters, Conservatory, Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage & Parking.

£795 pcm

AVAILABLE 1ST MARCH - UNFURNISHED

WICKEN

An individual modern, four double bedroom detached residence in a wonderful rural position just outside the village, surrounded by farmland with far reaching views. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Utility Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Shower Room, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage, Parking, Oil Fired Central Heating.

£1,150 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - UNFURNISHED

SOHAM

An immaculate, well presented three bedroom mid-terraced property with fitted kitchen and refitted bathroom suite, which lies towards the end of this convenient cul de sac development in this popular well served village location.

£550 pcm

AVAILABLE JANUARY - UNFURNISHED

ELY

A well appointed, modern three bedroom detached property towards the end of an appealing cul de sac situation approximately half a mile from the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Parking.

£825 pcm

AVAILABLE MID FEBRUARY - UNFURNISHED

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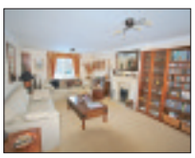
ELY — £329,950



- Detached family house
- Popular development
- Fitted kitchen with breakfast area
- Lounge and dining room
- Bed 1 with en-suite and dressing room
- 3/4 further bedrooms
- Utility and cloakroom
- Carport and garage

WITCHFORD — £144,950

- Deceptively spacious corner house
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- Popular village location
- Gas heating
- Good size rear garden
- Allocated parking

LITTLEPORT — £229,950

- Modern detached house
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen b'fast room
- Utility room & study
- En-suite to bed 1
- Double garage
- Good size garden

ELY — £225,000

- Established detached bungalow
- 2 bedrooms
- Wetroom and family bathroom
- Garage converted to study/office
- Gas heating
- Mature garden
- Ample parking

STRETHAM — £169,950

- Modern semi bungalow
- Open views to rear
- 2 bedrooms
- Loftroom/bedroom 3
- Fitted kitchen
- Dining area
- Shower room
- Carport and parking

LITTLEPORT — £214,950

- Substantial semi
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 en-suite
- First floor lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Utility & cloakroom
- Gated car port
- Balcony to rear

COVENEY — £147,950

- Established semi detached house
- Spacious kitchen/diner
- 3 bedrooms
- Modern barthroom/shower
- Study/4th bedroom
- Double glazing
- Car parking to rear
- Enclosed gardens

LT DOWNHAM — £325,000

- Attractive detached cottage
- Popular village location
- Open fields to rear
- Kitchen with aga
- 3 double bedrooms
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Internal viewing essential

WELNEY — £279,950

- Semi rural location
- Detached bungalow
- Situated on approx 1/2 acre
- Fenland views to both front and rear
- 3 double bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Parking for several cars

ELY — £229,995

- Brand new house
- Built to high specification
- Excellent fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Study/4th bedroom
- En-suite & family bathroom
- Good location
- Immediate occupation available

ELY — £254,950

- Modern detached house
- Immaculateley presented
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen breakfast room
- Private rear garden
- Viewing essential

ELY — £295,000

- Detached family home
- Lantern school catchment area
- 5 bedrooms
- 2 en-suite
- Kitchen breakfast room
- Lounge & dining room
- Tandem double garage
- Brick built office

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Wardy Hill **£239,950**

A spacious detached property situated in a non estate location with superb views across countryside to the rear and offered for sale with no upward chain. Includes entrance hall, refitted cloakroom, spacious lounge, 18'10" x 11'10" kitchen/dining room, 3 double bedrooms, superb refitted bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens.

NEW

Ely **£239,950**

A spacious 3 storey end terrace townhouse with superb views to front aspect across open countryside. Includes entrance hall, superb 29'11" kitchen/family room, utility, cloakroom, first floor living room, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite) and bathroom together with garage, parking and gardens. No upward chain. Viewing highly recommended.

NEW

Ely **£156,950**

A superbly presented modern 2 bedroom home situated on a highly regarded residential development. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, kitchen, cloakroom, lounge, 2 bedrooms, 2 en-suites, garage, parking and garden.

NEW

Ely **£169,950**

A modern 3 bedroom semi detached house situated in a cul de sac location. Features refitted kitchen, modern bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating, gardens, parking and garage. Good decorative order.

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NEW

Soham **£300,000**

An imposing detached property believed to date back to the 1700's offering spacious accommodation and retaining character features. Includes ent hall, lounge & dining room both with inglenook fireplace and beamed ceiling, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, bathroom, 3 double bedrooms, driveway & mature gardens.

NEW

Ely **£175,000**

A well presented end terraced property with conservatory and superb large rear garden. Accommodation includes entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, L-shaped lounge/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms and bathroom together with driveway and garage alongside the property and superb large rear garden.

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Isleham **£300,000**

An established detached bungalow situated in a semi-rural location. Accommodation includes entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and range of outbuildings and set in 3.89 acres (sts).

NEW

Sutton **£285,000**

A spacious detached family home offering versatile living accommodation which includes entrance hall, main reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, office/study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, 4 bedrooms (master with en-suite), family bathroom, double garage, driveway and gardens.

NEW

Haddenham £242,500

A modern detached family home conveniently located for access to the primary school and village centre. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious lounge with archway to dining room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, separate brick built office and enclosed rear garden.

NEW

Ely £191,500

A spacious semi-detached property situated in a cul-de-sac location offering convenient access to the city centre and schools. Includes entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, rear garden, garage and driveway. Viewing is highly recommended.

NEW

Sutton £159,950

An extended semi-detached property situated close to the village primary school. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, play room/study, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garden, garage and driveway.

NEW

Littleport £149,950

A charming and sympathetically renovated cottage offering spacious accommodation, character features and conveniently situated for the mainline railway station. Accommodation includes 19'9" x 16'6" lounge/dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, enclosed garden and 2 parking spaces. No upward chain.

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NEW

Ely **£105,000**
A modern one bedroom home situated in a highly regarded residential location. Well located for access to the city amenities and mainline railway station.

NEW

Stretham **£110,000**
A modern home situated close to the centre of this popular village. Accommodation includes entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and 2 off road parking spaces. No upward chain.

NEW PRICE

Haddenham **£129,950**
A semi-detached bungalow situated close to the centre of this popular village. Includes lounge, inner hall, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bedroom 3/dining room, wet room, parking, workshop and gardens.

Sutton **£240,000**
A modern detached family home situated on a small highly regarded development. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, double garage & parking.

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A substantial 3 storey detached property. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, spacious lounge, dining room, kitchen/ breakfast room, utility, 5 bedrooms, 2 refitted en-suites, shower room, bathroom, drive, double garage & garden.

Pymoor **£595,000**
A substantial 5 bedroom detached home ideal for those with an equestrian interest in approx. 5 acres with stables and outbuildings.

Haddenham **£162,950**
An established semi-detached house situated in a popular residential location. Includes ent hall, lounge, study/bed 4, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., driveway & gardens.

Soham **£147,500**
A well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house with modern kitchen and bathroom. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, driveway and gardens.

SALE AGREED

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An immaculately presented family home convenient for the A10 & Ely City Golf Course. Includes ent hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, garden, carport & drive.

Ely **£199,950**
A modern detached home situated on a popular residential development. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/brkfst room, utility, L-shaped lounge/diner, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, garage, driveway and gardens.

Ely **£255,000**
A spacious versatile detached family home with accommodation that includes entrance hallway, kitchen, utility, lounge, dining room, study, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom & double garage.

SALE AGREED

Ely
A detached house with accommodation that includes ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, integral garage, driveway and gardens. No upward chain.

Brandon Creek **£249,950**
Detached cottage in approx 1/3 of an acre (sts) in rural location opposite the River Great Ouse. Porch, kitchen, 3 receptions, conservatory, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, yard, workshops, bar, garages & gardens.

Ely **£245,000**
A detached home on the edge of a popular residential development. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, 27'0" x 11'6" kitchen/family room, utility, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, garage, parking & gardens.

Coveney **£220,000**
A renovation opportunity comprising currently of two cottages suitable for conversion into one detached dwelling or remaining as two separate dwellings (subject to the necessary planning permission being obtained).

Ely **£284,950**
A detached home offering versatile living accommodation which includes ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen, utility, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, double garage, driveway & gardens.

SALE AGREED

Ely
An end of terrace home situated in an established location close to the city centre with potential to be improved/ extended. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, lobby, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room & gardens.

Haddenham **£279,950**
A former village parish hall converted and extended into a versatile and interesting home. Includes ent hall, kitchen, lounge, dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bed 4/study, bathroom, garage, parking, roof garden & further gardens.

Sutton **£162,500**
A much improved and modernised village home. Includes kitchen/dining room, utility, study/playroom, ground floor shower room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, first floor bathroom, parking and small garage/store.

Queen Adelaide **£169,950**
A modern semi-detached house situated in a non estate location and backing onto paddocks/farmland. Includes ent hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, parking & garden. Viewing recommended.

Ely **£285,000**
An impressive detached home situated in a highly regarded location. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room with utility area, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, garage, parking & gardens.

Little Downham **£265,000**
A detached bungalow on a plot of approx. 0.4 of an acre. Lobby, kitchen/brkfst room, lounge, dining room, family room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, dble garage, outbuildings & gardens. No upward chain.

Sutton **£199,950**
A charming detached cottage that includes lounge with feature woodburning stove, hall/study area, kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms both with en-suites, drive & garden.

Soham **£220,000**
An established detached bungalow situated close to the centre of this popular town. Modernised and greatly improved accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, dining room/bedroom 3.

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NEW

FORE HILL, ELY
£1,200 pcm
A substantial home located in the heart of the City and within walking distance of the riverside and rail station. Accommodation comprises living room, downstairs cloakroom, kitchen/dining room with French doors into the garden. To the first floor there is a bathroom with bath and double shower cubicle, master bedroom with dressing area and ensuite shower room and a further single bedroom. There are two double bedrooms to the second floor. The property has gas central heating, courtyard garden to rear and parking for two cars.

BURY GREEN, LITTLE DOWNHAM
£850 pcm
Modern detached family house. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room with feature electric fire, leading through to dining room with French doors to garden, fitted kitchen with cooker, refrigerator, washing machine and dishwasher, four bedrooms and a fitted family bathroom with shower over the bath. Gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, single garage and driveway. Available furnished or unfurnished.

NEW

BERESFORD ROAD, ELY
£950 pcm
Modern four bedroom detached house with gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking. Available mid April.

NEW

LONGCHAMP DRIVE, ELY
£750 pcm
Modern semi detached three bedroom house with gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking. Available late February.

CAMBRIDGE ROAD, ELY
£725 pcm
Spacious three bedroom first floor flat in the grounds of Ely City Golf Club with gas heating & double glazing. Rent includes water, electric and gas bills. Available now.

BROOKE GROVE, ELY
£685 pcm
Modern semi detached three bedroom house with ensuite to master, enclosed rear garden and driveway. Furnished. Available now.

WEST END, ELY
£650 pcm
Terraced three bedroom house close to the City centre with newly fitted kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing and enclosed rear garden. Available now.

MORTON CLOSE, ELY
£575 pcm
Modern two bedroom semi detached house with gas central heating, double glazing, gardens to front and rear, garage and driveway. Available late February.

LYNN ROAD, CHETTISHAM
£550 pcm
Modern semi detached three bedroom house with gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden and parking. Available now.

GREEN LANE, ELY
£550 pcm
First floor two bedroom flat ideally situated in the heart of the City and close to the rail station with gas central heating. Available now.

CALFE FEN CLOSE, SOHAM
£525 pcm
Modern two bedroom terraced house with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and single garage. Available now. Furnished.

BELLS DROVE, WELNEY
£500 pcm
Three bedroom semi detached house in a rural location with oil fired central heating, gardens to front and rear and off road parking. Available now.

CLAY STREET, SOHAM
£495 pcm
Two bedroom terraced cottage close to the town centre with gas central heating and a garden to the rear. Available now.

FORE HILL, ELY
£490 pcm
Neutrally decorated second floor one bedroom flat in the City centre and within walking distance of the rail station. Available now. Single occupancy only.

WEST FEN ROAD, ELY
£475 pcm
Ground floor two bedroom flat close to the City centre with communal garden. Newly redecorated and carpeted throughout. Available now. Three flats available.

KENNETT HALL, KENNETT
£375 pcm
End of terrace one bedroom bungalow in a rural location with electric heating and off road parking. Two cottages, available now.

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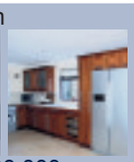

Offers over £300,000
- spacious bungalow, gardens, garage
- refitted kitchen/dinner, sitting room,
- four double bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom

Littleport £100,000
Property address 8 Festival Way, Littleport, Ely CB6 1EQ, we are acting for the mortgagees and have received an offer of £91000 on the above property, any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agency before an exchange of contracts takes place.

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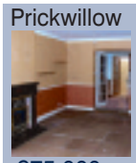
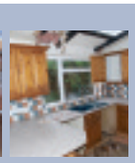
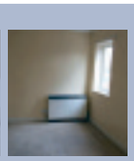
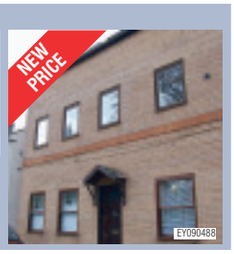



£75,000
- renovation project
- extended family home
- semi-rural location
- three bedrooms plus box room

Littleport

£69,500
- first floor flat, two bedrooms
- parking, access to town centre facilities
- ideal first time buyer/investment

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK!!

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£140,000

End of terrace property, approximately one mile from town centre facilities. Comprising sitting/dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom and conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom. Gravel diveway provides off road parking. No upward chain.

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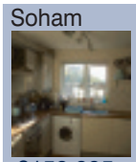
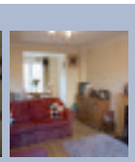
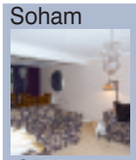
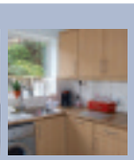



£159,995
- modern family home
- three bedrooms
- en-suite shower room
- garage, no upward chain

Soham



£175,000
- detached family home, sitting/dining room
- kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms
- family bathroom, gardens and garage.

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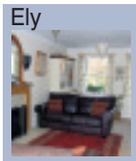
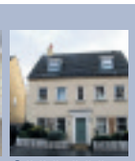
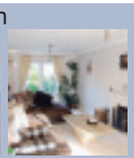



Offer in excess of £330,000
- detached, five bedrooms, kitchen
- three en-suite, two reception rooms
- garage, garden, Lantern school catchment

Wimblington



£170,000
- modern detached home, sitting room, separate dining room
- kitchen, four bedrooms with en-suite to master, gardens and garage.

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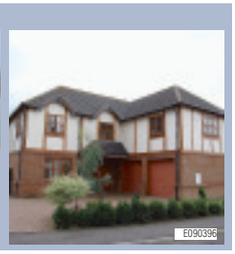

£275,000
- village location, executive family home
- five bedrooms, two reception rooms
- double garage, gardens

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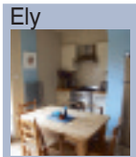
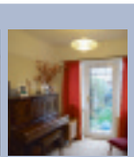
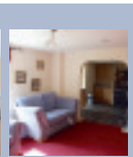
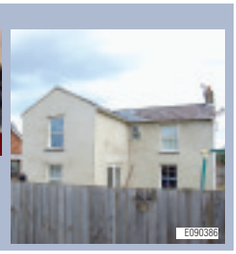



£179,995
- semi detached, sitting room, kitchen, dining room
- three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens
- potential for off road parking.

Soham

Offers over £170,000
- kitchen, two reception rooms
- four bedrooms, garage
- no upward chain, some work required

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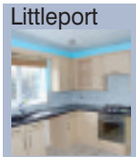
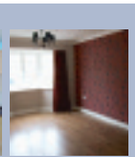
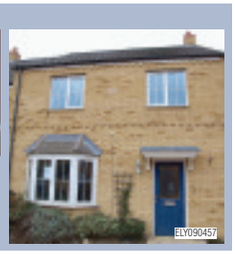

£159,950
- modern family home
- two reception rooms
- four bedrooms, en-suite shower room
- garage, no upward chain

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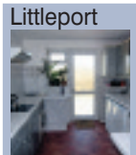

£145,000
- semi detached, sitting/dining room
- kitchen, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms
- garden and garage

Witchford £72,950
- detached mobile home
- sitting room, kitchen, wet room
- two double bedrooms,
- gardens and parking
- more park homes avilable

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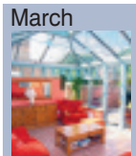
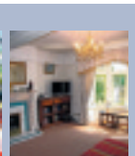

£255,000
- Edwardian style, kitchen/breakfast room
- four reception rooms, conservatory
- four bedrooms, gardens,off road parking

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WILBURTON

An immaculate four bedroom detached property situated within the highly regarded village of Wilburton.

Canopy porch, reception hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom with en suite and dressing area, guest bedroom with en suite, family bathroom, OCH, D/G, detached double garage and driveway, beautifully kept gardens.

£355,000

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A spacious four bedroom family home with double garage situated on this popular residential development.

entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, dining room, lounge with patio doors to rear garden, galleried landing, master bedroom with built in wardrobes and en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, double garage and driveway for two vehicles, enclosed rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing, no upward chain.

£239,995

LITTLEPORT

A Grade II Listed period home situated in the heart of the well served village of Littleport.

Lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, cloakroom, four bedrooms, bathroom, GCH, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking, no upward chain.

£184,995

NEW

HADDENHAM

A period detached residence set within the centre of the well regarded village of Haddenham.

Dining room, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, two cellar rooms, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bedroom two with en-suite, bathroom, OCH, D/G, rear garden, double garage, parking, no upward chain.

£325,000

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A superb four bedroom three storey townhouse forming part of a select development built by Freshwater Estates (UK) Ltd on Cambridge Road.

Entrance hall, ground floor shower room, ground floor bedroom, lounge,superb fitted kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, bathroom, GCH, D/G, enclosed courtyard garden, secure parking.

£275,000

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STRETHAM

A well presented four bedroom detached family home situated in the heart of the much sought after village of Stretham.
Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, playroom/study, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom, OCH, D/G, private rear garden, tandem garage, off road parking.

£250,000

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A modern three bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet no-through road within the highly regarded village of Stretham.
Entrance hall and inner halls, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, D/G, OCH, gardens, garage, driveway.

£199,950

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This recently renovated three bedroom semi detached property occupies a corner plot position and offers the potential to extend, within the catchment area for St Johns School.
Lounge, dining area, re-fitted kitchen, pantry, re-fitted bathroom, GCH, D/G, outbuilding, driveway for several vehicles, corner plot offering lawned gardens, potential to extend, no upward chain.

£178,000

NEW

ELY

A beautifully presented modern detached property offering four bedrooms, three reception rooms, garden and garage.
Reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study/playroom, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and carport.

£299,995

NEW

ELY

A modern two bedroom end of terrace in a quiet cul-de-sac location with garage and parking. Ideal for first time or investment purchasers.
Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen fitted with a range of wall and base level units, lounge/diner with electric fireplace, landing, two double bedrooms, family bathroom, GCH, D/G, rear garden, garage and parking.

£150,000

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SILVER STREET, ELY
Spacious studio apartment with separate kitchen and bathroom located on Barton Square overlooking the Cathedral.
Within five minutes walk of the Railway Station, City Centre and river. Street parking and EH. Unfurnished.

£400 PCM

NEW PRICE

COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY
1BR 1st floor flat situated in a quiet cul-de-sac to the North West of the city, providing easy access to the A10.
The property is fully furnished and benefits from GCH and allocated parking. Fully Furnished.

£475 PCM

FOREHILL, ELY
Well presented 1BR 2nd floor flat in the heart of the City Centre, providing easy access to the BR Station & a short distance from the River.
Original Victorian fireplace. Electric storage heating. On site laundry facilities. Unfurnished. Includes water.

£490 PCM

NEW

LITTLEPORT
A pretty Victorian 2BR Cottage located within a short walk from local amenities & BR station. The property also provides easy access to the A10
Inglenook fire to Lounge. 1 double, 1 single bedroom. Double glazed throughout. GCH. Pretty courtyard garden. Parking for 2-3 cars. Unfurnsihed

£525 PCM

WINFARTHING COURT, ELY
2BR 1st floor flat located on the new development next to the River.
The property is within minutes of the Railway Station and Town Centre. Shower. Communal gardens. Allocated parking space. Fully Furnished.

£595 PCM

NEW

STRETHAM
3BR terrace house just South of Ely in the popular Village of Stretham. Close to local amenities and providing easy access to A10.
Lounge & study. Shower. Electric heating. Gardens & 2 parking spaces. Unfurnished

£600 PCM

CAMBRIDGE ROAD, ELY
A nicely presented 2BR ground floor flat in a development set back from the main road, providing easy access to the A10 & City Centre.
Kitchen with white goods. 2 good sized bedrooms. Shower. GCH. 1 allocated parking space. Unfurnished

£625 PCM

BERESFORD ROAD, ELY
Modern 2BR Mid Terrace house in the catchment area for the popular St John's Primary School.
Spacious living accomodation including 2 double bedrooms, also benefitting from GCH, double glazing, gardens & 2 parking spaces. Furnished or unfurnished.

£650 PCM

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT
Excellently presented three bedroom Townhouse, located in Littleport giving easy access to the A10 and BR Station.
Neutrally decorated throughout, two double bedrooms, garden, parking and gas central heating. Unfurnished.

£675 PCM

HENLEY WAY, ELY
3BR house located in a quiet cul-de-sac on a well regarded residential development on the outskirts of Ely and providing easy access to the City Centre.
2 double, one single bedroom. Family bathroom. GCH. Front & rear gardens. Garage & driveway.

£725 PCM

MEADOW WAY, ELY
A nicely presented 3BR House on a recently built development to the West of the City, providing easy access to A10, City Centre & BR Station.
2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. GCH. Garden & garage. Unfurnished.

£795 PCM

NEW PRICE

GATEWAY GARDENS, ELY
A well presented 4BR Townhouse located just to the South West of the City Centre and providing easy access to A10 & BR Station.
Large kitchen/diner, Juliette Balcony to lounge. 2 bathrooms. GCH. Garden. Garage. Unfurnished

£945 PCM

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Spacious residence with large garden

THIS spacious family home is in The Brook, Sutton. It is available to rent from March 1 for £795 per calendar month.

The accommodation includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/utility area, large living/dining room, study, conservatory, five bedrooms, an en suite and a family bathroom. There is also a balcony to the master bedroom.

Outside, there is a large rear garden, garage and driveway.

To view this property, or for more information, contact Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

‘Now is the time to look’

THE beginning of the year is a great time to look for a new home, according to leading local estate agent, haart.

Tom Mollett, manager of haart in Ely said: “January inevitably sees a rush of sellers looking to place their properties on the market and many clued-up buyers are also keen to buy before prices start to increase during the spring.”

According to haart the key to success for sellers is to ensure their property stands out from the crowd in order to get the market value for their homes.

Tom continued: “First impressions always count, and the recession has proved that this is truer than ever. The basic rules apply wherever you live, and a small amount of time and money can make all the difference.

“For purchasers, it really is a buyers market. Realistic house prices, priced sensibly for a quick sale, can be a good investment – as long as you have a decent deposit to secure a mortgage deal.”

Paul Smith, chief executive of haart, added: “In terms of types of property, because of the glut of new apartments on the market, it is those with family homes to sell in the region that will boom in 2010. This year should see a slow and gradual strengthening of the Ely property market as well as continued success in the lettings industry.”

For further information on buying or selling property, telephone (01353) 664112.

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LITTLEPORT
One Bedroom Ground
Floor Flat
£370 PCM EXCL

LITTLEPORT
Refurbished Two
Bedroom House
£475 PCM EXCL

SOHAM
One Bedroom First Floor Flat
£370 PCM EXCL

SOHAM
Modern One Bedroom
First Floor Flat
£425 PCM EXCL
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SOHAM
One Bedroom End
Terraced House
£425 PCM EXCL

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Self-Contained One Bedroom
Annexe
£560 PCM INCL
LET

SUTTON
One Bedroom First
Floor Flat
£350 PCM Incl. Water

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Astra at large

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The new Astra – the sixth generation of the stalwart small family hatch – is now in showrooms around the region, and a quick runaround recently confirms that the latest incarnation is a car for all purposes and quite possibly master of some, *writes Mike Scialom.*

A spread of engine options – five petrol, three diesels – and trim – five variations in total – is available now for this five-door medium hatch, with estate and three-door variants to follow. The price list of cars on sale now runs to 33 models, so there should be something for a city-only driver, to a family owner, to the hatch enthusiast.

Welcome: The new Vauxhall Astra has a feline grace which competitors lack.

The demonstrator at Murketts is the SRi, a 1.7-litre diesel which delivers 122bhp. Prices on the new range kick in at £16,011 for the 1.4 16v VVT (85bhp), rising to a wallet-emptying £24,205 for the 2.0CDTi 16v auto.

Fortunately, the first thing you notice is that you get more car for your cash – at seven inches higher and three inches longer, this is a very accommodating vehicle for the passengers in the rear. And the front seats can be adjusted to easily suit anyone more than 6ft tall.

On the road, the new Astra possesses a certain feline grace which the diesel unit does nothing to dispel. The comfort levels in the sixth generation model are high, with ride quality right up there – you could be forgiven for thinking you're in a Volvo. But one market which the new flagship won't be appealing to is the opportunistic boy racer car thief – the handbrake is now a little electronic widgit on the console, and it's not clear until you look at the instrument panel whether it's locked on or not. Bang go those handbrake turns! In any case you'd have to work the six-speed gearbox like The Stig on a couple of pints of Red Bull to do a fast getaway, because the power is delivered rather slowly to the wheels and it's not until you're higher up the rev band that there's enough shunt on it to break any speed laws. I guess Vauxhall can afford to let go of the hot hatch sector – there's lots of other punters who'll be more than delighted at the overall quality and direction that this latest offering has gone in.

No worries otherwise. This sector needs a vehicle like the new Astra – a properly sophisticated car with a cabin that takes its cues from the hugely successful Insignia, and handling that is equally at ease in a tight city street as out there on the motorway wastelands.

The main achievement that this Astra pulls off with aplomb is to go off in a slightly different direction from the Focus. What you have here is a vehicle that is for the most part sensibly priced (ie it undercuts the Golf and Focus stranglehold) and will appeal to wise-buyers who wants to be entranced when they get into their motor – with performance to match.

For further information or a test drive contact Murketts Vauxhall on (01223) 716600 or online at *www.murketts.co.uk.*

Toyota launches revised Yaris

THE 2010 models of Toyota's popular Yaris supermini have just gone on UK sale, complete with revised styling and improved specifications.

The new Yaris costs from £10,256. Details from Cambridge Toyota on (01223) 271127.

Meanwhile, with the Government-supported Scrappage scheme drawing to a close next month, Toyota has launched a new "Swappage" scheme, allowing customers to snap up a £2,000 saving on the price of an eligible new Yaris, Auris or Avensis. What's more, unlike the Scrappage scheme, Swappage is open to owners of vehicle between seven and 10 years old, that is those registered between March 1 2000 (W-plate) and February 28 2003 (52-plate). And, as the name Swappage implies, the vehicles that are traded will not necessarily be sent for end-of-life recycling.

Full details from Toyota Centres and *www.toyota.co.uk*.

Revised: The 2010 Toyota Yaris.

‘Save our Saab’ rally raises awareness of a unique brand

AS negotiations about the future of Saab continue, owners and enthusiasts from across the UK joined forces last weekend to demonstrate their loyalty to the brand and their determination to keep it alive.

More than 200 Saab cars gathered at the firm’s UK headquarters in Luton as a show of support to all those working hard to secure a future for Saab and its employees. The ‘Save our Saab’ convoy event was organised by Saab’s global online community of fans who have, in total, orchestrated more than 40 support convoys across the globe.

Joined by the legendary Saab rally driver Erik Carlsson – who signed autographs and greeted members of the crowd throughout the day – the cars then progressed en masse to the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, where a collection of more than 80 models were on display – a nod to Saab’s military aviation heritage.

Legend: Erik Carlsson.

Representatives from local dealer Cambridge Saab were on hand to offer refreshments and had also arranged for a commemorative cake to be produced in the shape of the UR Saab – the company’s first-ever production car.

James Howarth, dealer principal of Cambridge Saab, said: “The spontaneous outpouring of support from owners, fans and employees around the world clearly shows why the Saab story can and must continue.

“We were proud to be involved with the UK effort and it is our hope that our collective voices will be heard and that everything possible will be done to save this unique company. Thank you to all those who organised and participated in the convoy – it was a fantastic day and a fitting tribute to all that Saab has achieved over the past 60 years.”

Statement of intent: The message is clear, although this isn’t actually a missile mounted on a classic Saab!

With dealers from as far away as Southampton, Birmingham and Yeovil in Somerset – along with co-organisers Cambridge Saab – all giving their support to the groundswell of opinion that Saab as a brand cannot die, a clear message was sent to current and potential future owners that the marque is very much alive and kicking.

More at *www.saab-united.com*.

■ Erik Carlsson, who cut the Saab cake at Duxford, won the Monte Carlo rally twice in the early 1960s and has always proved to be a great ambassador for the brand.

In between being known as ‘Mr Saab’ he was also of course known as Eric “on the roof” Carlsson for his ability to roll his Saab 96 and then just get back on the road and drive on.

Carlsson was married to another famous rally driver of the time: the late Pat Moss, who was, of course, Stirling Moss’s sister, so a bit of motoring heritage was on site alongside many obvious Saab enthusiasts.

Eric stayed on until the very last had departed: signing autographs and talking the Saab talk.

At Duxford: Sunday’s event raised awareness of Saab’s plight.

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MOT testing for both cars and vans in the Newmarket area is now available up to midnight, thanks to a new development by local Mercedes-Benz dealer Orwell Truck & Van.

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Orwell is the official Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicle dealer for all of East Anglia – the company also has dealerships in Ipswich, Norwich and Colchester.

But at its Newmarket depot an extension to the workshop area has provided space for a dedicated, fully-equipped MoT testing bay.

Depot manager Lee Seager says: “Although we’re a truck and van company we can now offer Class 4 and Class 7 MoT tests – which cover cars and commercial vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes gvw.

“And because we are truck specialists our workshop is already open from the early morning late into the night, so we can offer tests long after most garages have locked up and gone home. Busy, hard-working tradespeople, who can’t afford to have their vans off the road during working hours, can drop off their vehicle at the end of the day and have it ready to roll again first thing the next morning. We think the service we offer is unique, certainly in this area.”

Lee presides over a workshop team of 14 technicians, including three apprentices and four qualified MoT testers. The workshop, situated on the Pines Industrial Estate, Fordham Road, Exning, is open from 7am-midnight Monday to Thursday, 7am-10pm on Friday, and 7am-noon on Saturday. For more information on MoT testing, or any queries about servicing and repairs or Mercedes vehicles, contact Lee or any of his team on 0845 129 0891.

Orwell Truck & Van provides sales and support of the entire Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicle range, from the compact and stylish Vito van to the mighty Actros tractor unit, as well as the Mitsubishi Fuso Canter range of light trucks, throughout East Anglia.

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Orwell Truck and Van with depot manager Lee Seager: ‘We’re truck specialists.’

Top off-roaders listed as demand builds up

THE wintry weather has led to a surge in the number of drivers wanting off-road 4x4 vehicles, it was revealed this week.

As many as 18 per cent of motorists are looking to buy a 4x4 this year, according to website Compucars.

In contrast, just 5 per cent hope to purchase a small car, such as an Audi TT, a Mini or a Ford Ka.

Nearly 15 per cent are planning to buy a compact executive car such as the BMW 3 Series, with 13 per cent going for a lower medium-sector vehicle such as the Volkswagen Golf and 11 per cent keen on an upper medium-sector car such as the Ford Mondeo.

Compucars group marketing manager Rob Queen said: "It is no surprise that 4x4s are the most popular choice for motorists searching for their next car, given the dreadful winter driving conditions that UK motorists have been faced with in the past few weeks.

"In fact, the number of 4x4s viewed on Compucars rose 9.3 per cent in December versus November."

Meanwhile, Warranty Direct has revealed the most – and least – reliable pre-owned 4x4 and SUV cars on the market.

Audi's A6 Allroad fared worst, with more than half recording a fault in a typical year. A third of those problems reported were suspension-related.

Audi A6: Not so great.

At the other end of the scale, Honda's CR-V was revealed as the off-roader least likely to let you down, followed by the Suzuki Grand Vitara and Toyota's RAV4. Mitsubishi and Kia make it a clean sweep for Far Eastern makers in the top five.

The Volkswagen Touareg, despite winning the 2009 running of the famously tough Dakar at the hands of South African Giniel de Villiers, didn't transfer its success to Warranty Direct's study, finishing fourth from bottom with a quarter of faults down to electrical gremlins.

Warranty Direct's study used its unique Reliability Index (www.reliability index.co.uk), which takes into account how often vehicles break down, average repair cost and time spent in the garage to calculate its overall reliability. The lower the Reliability Index number, the more reliable the car.

The top 10 4x4/SUVs in the survey – including average repair cost and reliability index rating – were:

1. Honda CR-V (01-06) £239.63 23.10
2. Suzuki Grand Vitara (98-05) £219.43 33.01
3. Toyota RAV4 (00-06) £330.58 42.69
4. Mitsubishi Shogun (00-07) £595.58 47.53
5. Kia Sorento (03-) £332.34 59.36
6. Nissan Terrano II (93-06) £277.25 62.81
7. Land Rover Freelander (03-06) £370.23 66.11
8. Lexus RX300 (03-09) £571.60 68.69
9. Nissan X-Trail (01-) £433.18 73.69
10. Toyota Land Cruiser (03-) £525.01 82.78

The highest-placed European car is the newer incarnation of perennial 4x4 favourite, Land Rover's Freelander, which has traditionally fared badly in Warranty Direct's studies.

Winner: Honda CR-V needs minimal repairs.

Warranty Direct's Duncan McClure Fisher said: "It's promising to see improvement from Land Rover's flagship model, but it's telling that the bottom 10 is dominated by European cars, and the top of the list populated largely by Japanese vehicles, which still hold sway overall. The biggest surprise must surely be the poor performance of the XC90. It's not what you'd expect from a marque with Volvo's reputation, but I'm signing cheques every day on XC90 repairs."

With an average repair cost of £595.58, the Mitsubishi Shogun (00-07) is the most expensive to fix but thankfully has a low incidence rate, with just under 8 per cent per year suffering a glitch.

Meanwhile, a third of Nissan's X-Trail problems are down to cooling and heating issues while almost 60 per cent of enforced garage visits for Volvo XC-70 owners are due to suspension breakages.

And the bottom 10 4x4/SUVs were:

1. AudiA6 Allroad (00-05) £516.03 281.60
2. Volkswagen Touareg (03-) £567.92 194.01
3 BMW X5 (00-) £517.30 193.36
4. Jeep Cherokee (01-08) £522.40 155.72
5. Volvo XC90 (02-) £522.83 153.88
6. Land Rover Range Rover (02-) £493.59 140.96
7. Land Rover Discovery (98-04) £332.17 120.11
8. Mercedes M-Class (98-05) £393.01 119.85
9. Land Rover Discovery (04-) £405.10 119.44
10. Volvo XC70 (00-07) £429.53 115.21

The analysis is based on Warranty Direct's database of 150,000 policies on cars between three and eight years old.

BMW backs refinement for new 3 Series

WHILE other car makers are rapidly forging ahead with plans for electric and hybrid-power cars, BMW is continuing to stretch the capabilities of the good old internal combustion engine.

So much so, that the new BMW 3 Series diesel saloon will be the first premium badge car to lower CO2 emissions to under 110g/km, and then chip in with a combined-cycle mpg figure of 68.9.

It's the latest development of the German firm's Efficient Dynamics technology and British buyers can get their hands on the diesel-powered 320d saloon on March 20.

This 320d Efficient Dynamics saloon will also sit in road tax band B, meaning owners will pay just £35 a year.

Company fleet buyers will also be drawn to this compact, 1,995cc car, as last year, a poll of the UK's biggest 50 leasing firms concluded that the BMW model range is the most reliable.

Business users will like the fact that the BMW 320d Efficient Dynamics Saloon attracts only a 13 per cent benefit in kind levy, and firms will also have the opportunity to write down 100 per cent of its value in the first year and claim tax relief against profits – a move that will greatly improve cash flow in these troubled times.

The economy and environmental benefits haven't toned down performance too much, either. The revised all-aluminium engine produces 163bhp to help it sprint to 62mph from standstill in eight seconds, and reach a top speed of 142mph.

It all comes at a price – the 320d EfficientDynamics saloon will cost £35,115 – the same price as the more standard 320d SE.

BMW's revised 3 Series coupe and convertible models will go on sale at the same time as the ultra-frugal 320d saloon, and design tweaks include new front and rear lights, a revised kidney grille, a new front air dam, rear valance, and side rocker panels.

Tim Abbott, managing director of BMW UK, says: "Competition in the car market is hotter than ever. The 3 Series coupe and convertible were already class-leading models, but we have no intention of sitting on our laurels. We are offering customers more of what they want – on-road performance and ever more fuel efficiency with lower CO2 emissions, combined with a refreshed look."

Coupe and convertible models have been a vital part of BMW's portfolio since the 1930s, and current 3 Series coupe and convertible models together account for around a third of 3 Series sales.

The new cars are slightly longer than former models due to deeper front and rear valances, and new wheel designs will be made available, alongside more exterior colour choices.

Prices for the new BMW 3 Series coupe will start at £27,845 for the 320i SE, with convertibles costing from £32,905 for a 320i SE version.

The latest 3 Series will launch on the same day as the firm's new 5 Series – meaning that the registration plate change month of March will be a busy time for Britain's BMW dealers.

Due in March: BMW's new 3 Series Coupe, left and Convertible, right.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Jaguar owners have been delighted with the level of customer service and quality work provided by the Jagutek team. In fact, J-Tek was actually established by customer request, with many commenting about how they wished that members of their own families and friends could take advantage of the multitude of services offered by the company.

There was so much support for the idea of expanding the operation to include all other makes and models that Jagutek's management decided to establish J-Tek, with the aim of serving the motoring needs of the families of their already established customers. When the workshop adjacent to Jagutek's became available for use it was full steam ahead and J-Tek began operations in the first quarter of 2009.

J-Tek: Skilled, highly trained technicians.

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Walking into a service and repair garage can sometimes be a daunting prospect, especially for those of us who may not be that conversant with the internal workings of a motor vehicle. Even in this day and age female customers can often feel a little intimidated as the motor industry can still seem to be very much dominated by males. At J-Tek and sister firm, Jagutek, you'll find a warm, pleasant and welcoming atmosphere and you are guaranteed to be treated with respect. Julie, one of the directors, is always to be seen around the building and if you prefer, she'll be more than happy to deal with your enquiry.

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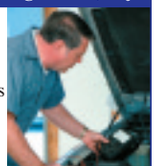

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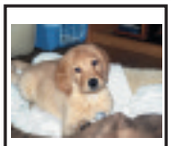

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Public Notices

ANDREW LEONARD DIXON (Deceased)
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (VARIOUS LAYBY CLOSURES, THRAPSTON AND TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A14 Trunk Road at Thrapston and Titchmarsh in Northamptonshire and Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire, to enable works to improve disability access for vehicles on 5 laybys to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place between Monday 22 February and Wednesday 31 March 2010. The Order would come into force on 15 February 2010 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months

The effect of the Order would be to close, in turn, the laybys adjacent to the A14 –

(a) eastbound carriageway situated –

(i) 320 metres east of its junction with the entry slip road leading from the A14/A45/A605 Thrapston Interchange (J13),

(ii) 720 metres east of its junction with Polpit by Titchmarsh (J14), and

(iii) 850 metres north of its junction with the exit slip road leading to the A14/A141 Spittals Interchange Huntingdon (J23); and

(b) westbound carriageway situated –

(i) 400 metres west, and

(ii) 2000 metres east,

of its junction with Polpit by Titchmarsh (J14).

Each layby would be closed for 24 hours daily for a maximum period of 3 days.

The temporary layby closures (which would not apply to works vehicles) would be clearly signed throughout the works.

MRS A V MIDDLETON
An official of the Highways Agency

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to John Dorward at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796087.

Hertfordshire County Council

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ROYSTON RAILWAY CROSSING) SUPPLEMENTARY COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2010
COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE DISTRICT OF NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Notice is hereby given that Hertfordshire County Council has made The Hertfordshire County Council (Royston Railway Crossing) Supplementary Compulsory Purchase Order 2010 under sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980.

It is about to submit this order to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation, and if confirmed, the order will authorise Hertfordshire County Council to purchase compulsorily the land described below for the purpose of:

a. constructing a highway which shall be a highway maintainable at public expense; and

b. use by the acquiring authority in connection with the construction of the new route as aforesaid.

A copy of the order and of the accompanying map together with supporting documentation may be seen at all reasonable hours at Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN; North Hertfordshire District Council, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3JF; and Royston Town Council, Town Hall, Melbourn Street, Royston SG8 7DA.

Any objection to the order must be made in writing to the Government Office for the North East, Citygate, Gallowgate, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 4QH by 12 February 2010 and should state the title of the order, the grounds of objection and the objector's address and interests in the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

1/43 - 11 square metres of unused land adjacent to the eastern boundary of the track known as Coombes Hole, Royston

Signed:
Kathryn Pettitt
Chief Legal Officer
Hertfordshire County Council
Dated: 15 January 2010

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DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE SECRETARY OF STATE hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of an eastern part width of Mill Lane, comprising highway verge, abutting the western boundary of Mill Cottage at Littlebury, Saffron Walden in the District of Uttlesford.

IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted to Mr & Mrs S Mathias by Uttlesford District Council on 13th October 2009 under reference UTT/1046/09/FUL.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND RELEVANT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED at all reasonable hours during 28 days commencing on 28 January 2010 at Uttlesford District Council, Democratic Services, Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4ER and may be obtained free of charge from the Secretary of State at the offices of the Department for Transport (quoting reference NATTRAN/E/S247/94) at the address stated below.

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of the proposed order within the period of 28 days commencing on 28 January 2010 by notice to the Secretary of State, quoting the above reference, addressed to the National Transport Casework Team, Government Office for the North East, Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4WH.

In preparing an objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be imparted to other persons who may be affected by it and that those persons may wish to communicate with the objector about it.

RAY OLDFIELD
On behalf of the Department for Transport

THE SCHEDULE

Planning permission is granted for removal of highway rights across front garden and driveway and change of use to garden at Mill Cottage, Mill Lane, Littlebury.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR THE REGIONS.

LADIES SEEKING

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CARING kind female, GSOH, 5ft 1ins, size 12, brown hair/eyes, mid 60's, likes days out, meals out, seeks genuine, N/S male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 318997**

SHY young brunette, lovely figure, seeks tall dark male to snuggle up on the sofa with. It could be you. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 377428**

34YR old black lady, seeks professional male, 35-45, N/S for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 324279**

ATTRACTIVE lady 65, GSOH, loving, caring, likes meals out, gardening, seeks male, 65-70 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 375052**

LEGGY blonde 36, size 12, attractive, 5ft 7ins, seeks slim, fit, male, 25-45 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 375878**

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MEDIUM build female, mid 40's, blonde, green eyes, seeks genuine, professional, easygoing male up to 45. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 371730**

PETITE female, long brown hair, fit, flirty and fun, seeks similar male for uncomplicated fun friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 376642**

43YR old single mum, medium build, 5ft 2ins, blue eyes, seeks genuine, caring male for loving, laughing and relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 367174**

BLONDE female, 43, GSOH, seeks black male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 367524**

FUN outgoing blonde, enjoys nice things seeks intelligent mature male for loving relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 377424**

ATTRACTIVE divorced, blonde lady, mid 40's, intelligent, warm, caring, seeks attractive, professional male, 45-60 to enjoy life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 367344**

51YR old female, blue eyes, 5ft 5ins, single mum, likes music, walks, reading, football, gardening, seeks similar male for TLC. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 363942**

SINGLE divorced 36yr old mother, seeks N/S male, 35-45. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 358548**

50YR old genuine lady, smoker, GSOH, likes nights in/out, seeks similar aged male for fun, friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 363658**

ATTRACTIVE 41yr old female, loving, honest, likes nights in/out, seeks male, 34-50 for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 374368**

SINGLE mum, divorced, seeks single dad who wants to be wanted. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 358098**

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47YR old female, seeks genuine male for romance and attention. Must be attractive, strong and masterful. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 324617**

SLIM attractive lady, early 50's, seeks younger man for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 322677**

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BLUE eyed blonde, 5ft 4ins, slim, 50's, likes walks, cooking, travel, GSOH, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 313289**

5FT 2ins brunette, green eyes, good body, long hair, gorgeous, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 312645**

BUBBLY 34yr old female, blue eyes, fair hair, pretty, likes wining/dining, cinema, seeks attractive, N/S male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 311339**

FEMALE 53, medium build, N/S, likes walks, cinema, nights in/out, seeks honest, N/S male, 50-58 to share life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 310063**

64YR old widow, seeks genuine male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 309849**

ATTRACTIVE female, seeks kind, attractive male, 27-35. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 309641**

FRIENDLY warm, attractive 40 something female, likes concerts, sports, modern art, travel, seeks educated male, 40-55 for friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 309163**

FEMALE 48, likes pubs, walks, nights in/out, seeks male, 42-54 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 309131**

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GENUINE male, 50, 6ft, medium build, likes most things, seeks female to share them with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 376134**

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CARING male, 48, likes country walks, nights in, honest, genuine, seeks female, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 375392**

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ANDY 48, divorced, honest, no ties, romantic, N/S, likes dancing, socialising, meals out, seeks similar female, 40-55 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 374158**

MARK 51, divorced, honest, genuine, caring, sincere, home owner, N/S, seeks similar. **Tel No: 0905 436 6208 Box No: 373520**

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Cambridgeshire County Council

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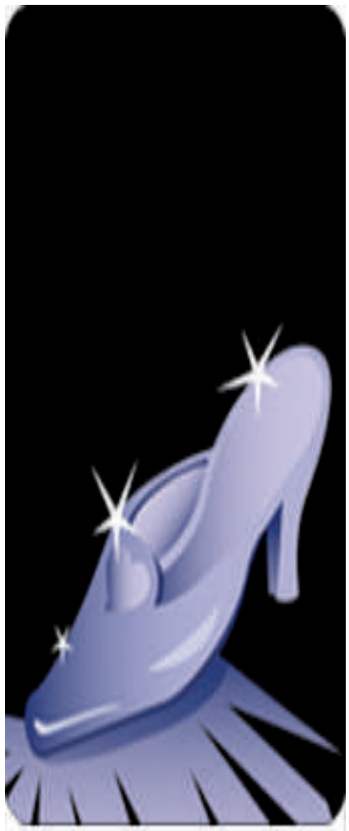

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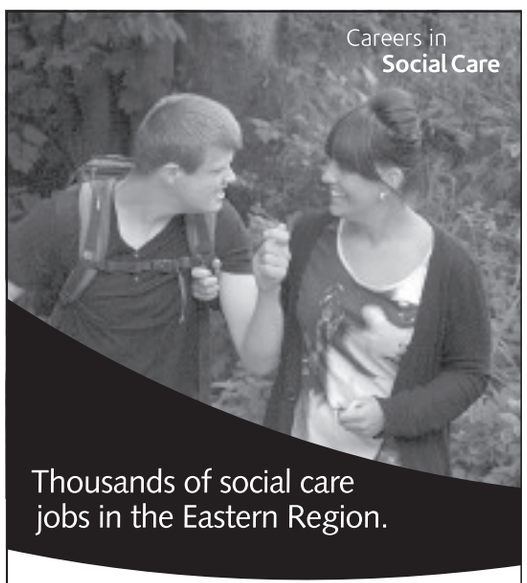

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Interview Date: Thursday 4th March

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ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

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For further details about any of the above posts or to arrange a visit, please telephone Lorraine Holmes on 01763 268033 or email lorraine.holmes@scope.org.uk

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Your CV

When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

A covering letter can be just as important as a CV in getting you an interview. It's your first point of contact with your potential employer - so make it count.

» Tennis

Coaching is for free at Ely club

ELY Tennis Club have received a grant from Young Lives in association with Cambridgeshire County Council (Office of Children & Young People's Services) to offer free coaching.

Each child can attend one group and there are a limited number of places per session. The dates and times are:

Group 1 (4-7 years) – Monday, February 15 – 9 - 10.30am; Tuesday, February 16, 9-10.30am.

Group 2 (8-10 years) – Monday, February 15, 10.30am-12.30pm; Tuesday, February 16, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Group 3 (11+ years) – Monday, February 15, 1-3pm; Tuesday, February 16, 1 -3pm.

Group 4 (4-7 years) – Wednesday, February 17, 9-10.30am; Thursday, February 18 – 9-10.30am.

Group 5 (8-10 years) – Wednesday, February, 10.30am-12.30pm; Thursday, February 18, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Group 6 (11+ years) – Wednesday, February 17, 1-3pm; Thursday, February 18, 1-3pm.

All enquiries to Aileen Seabrook on 01353 741465 or 07778531744 or Email: aileen.seabrook@tesco.net

Please indicate which session each junior will be attending.

» Youth footbal round-up

Gibson's delight as Greens' win

Soham Town Rangers U18 5
Wisbech St Mary U18 0

MUNNS CUP, QUARTER-FINAL

CJ Gibson's young Greens flew into the semi-finals of the Munns Cup for the second season running, with a well-controlled and executed performance.

After an enforced winter break of more than a month without a game, Soham never looked like losing control of the game from the kick off.

Chances came early, as Tom Taylor mis-kicked when free, Steve Sexton struck the bar, Dan Sterna flashed an effort across goal and Kieran Wingfield drew a good save from the away keeper.

Eventually the deadlock was broken on the half-hour, when after good work from Wingfield down the left, man-of-the-match Sam Cook flicked home a near-post finish.

It was two three minutes later when a delightful deep cross from Phil Cowlan found Wingfield, who volleyed home high into the net from 10 yards.

Cook was starting to establish himself on the game and put through Wingfield for a chance, before narrowly missing the target from 20 yards as Cowlan's work up front hurried the Saints' defence into making mistakes.

And it was a mistake by the visitors' right-back that led to Soham's third before half time, as he was caught out by Wingfield and subsequently hacked him down in the box to award Soham a penalty.

Saints' keeper saved firstly from Tom Norton's kick, but was adjudged to have come off his line, only for Norton to then dispatch the retake with aplomb.

The second half was much of the same with Soham defending well in numbers and home debutant Jamie Clark, in goal, sweeping up well behind his defence.

The game was killed off on 54 minutes after another Cowlan ball found Dan Sterna in the box. He turned and hooked home with a neat finish. Gibson rung the changes, introducing Elliott Drewery, Sam Sterna and Scott Davis.

Drewery got involved straight away, as Dan Sterna's cross found him back post to slide in the fifth goal.

As the game closed, Cook, Collins and Murfitt went close, as did Taylor and Cowlan, drawing good saves again from the Saints' stopper.

After the match, Gibson praised his team for a near-perfect performance. "I thought we were excellent," he said.

"We passed the ball round well and played some great football. The pitch was excellent I thought considering the weather we have had and helped us play!

"Credit to the ground staff for that. Not going to talk about the semi-final, as we have other important games coming up which we need to concentrate on."

Soham: Clark; Norton, Burr (S Sterna 75), Sexton, Collins; D Sterna, Murfitt (Davis 75), Cook, Wingfield (Drewery 60); Taylor; Cowlan. **Subs not used:** Wills, Kneeshaw.

» Results

B M KEMPTON 9V9 YOUTH LGUE PLATE

First round: Burwell Swallows 8 Sutton Rgrs 1, Cambridge All Stars A 3 Bar Hill 2, Girton 1 Aztecs 4, Haverhill Rov 4 Steeple Bumpstead 49ers 2, Whittlesford Warriors 4 Bluntisham Blasters 2.

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE

U9C: Over Sports 0 Willingham Wolves 3.

U10B: Plantation A 5 Hundon Hawks 1, Thurlow 2 West Wratting 0. **U10C:** Cottenham Utd 2 Isleham Utd 2. **U10E:** Fulbourn 11 Milton 0, Saffron Walden Tn B 2 Waterbeach 4. **U11A:** Aztecs A 0 Gamlingay Utd A 8, Cambridge Celts 2 Coton Cosmos 0, Longstanton 0 Hundon Hawks 4 .

U11B: Isleham Utd 12 Willingham Wolves 2, Stretham Sporting 5 Fulbourn Inst 1, Walpole Warriors v Ely Crusaders (post).

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE KNOCKOUT CUP

Under-10: Saff Walden A 3 Newmarket A 1.

CAMBRIDGE AND DIST COLTS LEAGUE

U11A: Milton 3 Castle Camps 5, Teversham 3 St Ives Rgrs 0. **U11B:** Brampton Spartans 2 Ramsey 1, Eaton Socon 1 Little Paxton 2, Huntingdon Rowdies 6 St Ives Rgrs B 4. **U11C:** Chatteris 2 St Ives Rgrs C 0, Needingworth 1 Somersham B 1, Newmarket B 2 Littleport 7.

U12A: Ely Crusaders 1 Haverhill Rov 3, Priory Parkside B 3 Bar Hill 3, Ramsey 0 Teversham 5. **U-12B:** Little Paxton 8 St Ives Rgrs B 5. **U12C:** Huntingdon Rowdies 5 Histon Hornets 3, Walpole Warriors 12 Milton 0. **U12D:** Littleport 17 Chatteris C 0, Soham Utd 0 Newmarket B 7. **U12E:** Godmanchester Rov B 0 Bluntisham Blasters B 1, Haverhill Rov B 1 Buckden 4, Plantation 1 Chesterton Villa 6, Priory Parkside C 2 Brampton Spartans B 5. **U12F:** Great Paxton 2 Bottisham 3, Swavesey Spartans 1 Stretham Sporting 0.

U13A: Cherry Hinton Lions 1 Chatteris 0, Priory Parkside 2 Histon Hornets 3, Saffron Walden 0 Arbury Aces 2, Withersfield 15 Bar Hill 0. **U13B:** Chatteris B 4 Fulbourn Falcons 9, Milton 3 St Ives Rgrs B 0, Newmarket B 1 Godmanchester Rov 10. **U13C:** Sawston Utd 3 Soham Utd 8, Soham 4 Buckden 2, Spartak 78 4 Somersham 3, Thurlow 0 Willingham 3. **U13D:** Cottenham Utd 0 Chesterton Eagles 9, Lakenheath 7 Needingworth 2, Priory Parkside C 0 Mildenhall 2. **U13E:** Cherry Hinton Lions B 0 Saffron Walden B 4, Ely City 8 Chesterton Villa 2, March Rgrs 1 Hundon Hawks 2, Papworth Blasters 2 Girton 4. **U13F:** Hemingford 0 Haverhill Rov 4, Isleham Utd 2 Staploe & Duloe 9, Manea Utd Strikers 0 Gamlingay Utd 9.

U14A: Aztecs 4 Spartak 78 B 2, Histon Hornets 1 West Wratting 0, Priory Parkside 1 Cambourne Eagles 0, Ramsey 7 Cherry Hinton 4. **U14B:** Haddenham Rov 2 Ely Crus 1, Needingworth 2 Cottenham Utd 5, Soham 2 Newmarket 4, Waterbeach 3 Priory Parkside B 5.

U14D: Brampton Spartans 12 Red Lodge 0, Papworth Blasters 1 Histon Hornets B 0, St Ives Rgrs 0 Bottisham 4. **U14E:** Chatteris B 3 Hundon Hawks 5.

U15A: Histon Hornets 2 Spartak 78 1, Somersham 2 Cherry Hinton Lions B 5, St Ives Rgrs 2 Godmanchester Rov 0. **U15B:** Fulbourn Falcons 1 Chatteris 0, Huntingdon Rowdies 1 Newmarket 1, Littleport 0 Girton 1, St Ives Rangers B 2 S&SS 3, Swavesey Spartans 2 Brampton Spartans 3. **U15C:** Cambourne 3 Hundon Hawks 2, Cambridge Musketeers 4 Great Paxton 1, Isleham Utd 2 Milton 7, Waterbeach 2 Burwell Tigers 6, Witchford 1 Papworth Blasters 3. **U15D:** Bottisham 7 Godmanchester Rov C 2, Ely Crusaders 0 Balsham 1, Lakenheath 4 Priory Parkside B 1, Little Paxton 3 Hemingford 1.

U16A: Haverhill Rov 1 Lt Paxton 2, Histon Hornets 2 Swavesey Spartans 4, Huntingdon Rowdies 3 Bottisham 3, St Ives Rgrs 4 Hardwick Harriers 1. **U16B:** Brampton Spartans 4 Fulbourn Institute 0, Chatteris 5 Ely City 2, Cottenham Utd 3 March Rgrs 4. **U16C:** Milton 4 St Ives Rgrs B 0, Radwinter 4 Warboys 1, S&SS 4 Mildenhall 0. **U16D:** Aztecs 3 Soham Utd 1, Chatteris B 2 Manea Utd Strikers 2, Fulbourn Falcons 2 Cambourne Eagles 1, Mildenhall B 2 Cherry Hinton Lions B 3.

CAMBS & DIST COLTS LEAGUE KO CUP

U11, second round: Alconbury 0 Lakenheath 8, Bottisham 3 Plantation 1, Soham Utd 1 Priory Parkside 3, Somersham 2 Warboys 3, Spartak 78 1 Mildenhall 4.

U12, fourth round: Hardwick Harriers 2 Needingworth 3, Isleham Utd 4 Warboys 2, St Ives Rgrs 4 West Wratting 2.

U13, fourth round: Whittlesford Warriors 4 Haslingfield 0.

U14, third round: Aztecs B 0 Witchford 1, Cherry Hinton Lions B 2 Eversden Gunners 3, Comberton Crusaders 5 Shelford & Stapleford S 2, Girton 3 Bar Hill 4, Hardwick Harriers 2 Mildenhall Utd 1, Stretham Sporting 0 Godmanchester Rov 8, Warboys 4 Eaton Socon 3.

U15, fourth round: Alconbury 2 Stretham Sporting 1, Chesterton Villa 3 Godmanchester Rov B 4.

U16, third round: Waterbeach 2 Godmanchester Rov 5.

U17, league one: Shelford & Stapleford Strikers 1 Milton 4, Spartak 78 0 Brampton Spartans 2.

U17, league two: Alconbury 2 Soham Rgrs 7, Histon Hornets 1 Bar Hill 1, Aztec 1 Hemingford 14.

CAMBS & DIST COLTS LEAGUE CUP

U14, semi-finals: Chatteris Town 1 Parkfields 2, Spartak 78 7 Sawston Utd 0. **U15, fourth round:** Aztecs 4 Whittlesford Warriors 3, Celtic Crusaders 1 Cottenham Utd 9.

It's seven-up for Town

Alconbury 2 Soham Town Rangers 7

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE, U17 KNOCKOUT CUP, LEAGUE TWO

SOHAM'S first match since before Christmas saw them travel to play Alconbury, the team they last played before the break.

Town started slowly and allowed the home side to take the lead five minutes in when Blake Kneeshaw allowed a Bury forward in to lob Wills in the Greens' net.

After the goal, the visitors started to play better and Dan Whitwell and Elliot Drewery combined well down the left for Drewery to cross low into the box.

Liam Lewis controlled the ball and stabbed a shot under the flat-footed keeper.

It was Lewis, who put Soham ahead, when good work from Josh Nunn and Whitwell allowed him to grab his second.

Town took their foot off the gas and let Alconbury to draw level, when an attacker turned and beat Wills from the edge of the box.

Before the break, Josh Nunn took advantage of an error from the home side's keeper when Whitwell's ball was missed by the on-rushing keeper, presenting Nunn with an open goal.

In the second half, Town wore down the Bury players and looked in total control.

Lewis pulled the ball back for James Seymour to curl his effort into the corner of the net from 18 yards to make it 4-2.

Then a free kick from Seymour was turned into his own net by a Bury defender.

From a Drewery corner Liam Bishop volleyed goalwards.

His shot was saved, only for Adam Newson to smash home his first goal for the club.

Fittingly, it was Lewis, who grabbed the last goal, claiming his hat-trick in the process.

Bishop caused problems for the Bury keeper, allowing Lewis to smash the ball home from a yard.

For a fine game down the right and three poacher's goals Liam Lewis was received the man-of-the-match award.

Soham: C Wills, B Kneeshaw, J Heaps, S Murfitt, A Newson, E Drewery, R Collins, J Seymour, L Lewis, D Whitwell, J Nunn, L Bishop, M Rola.

Robinson's double does trick for Rovers

Haddenham Rovers 2 Ely Crusaders 1

CAMBS & DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE, DIVISION 14B

ROVERS took the lead when Josh Robinson broke through the visiting defence, charged down the goalkeeper's clearance and tapped home.

Ely soon equalised, Robinson ensured Rovers took all three points when his speculative strike evaded the Crusaders' keeper.

Littleport Town 17 Chatteris 0

CAMBS & DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE, DIVISION 12D

IT took five minutes for Alfie Oakman to open the scoring.

Oakman soon completed his hat-trick before Keane Whittaker scored the next three.

Connor Firby added his name to the scoresheet with a glorious shot, making it 7-0, before Whittaker and Oakman (2) netted to make it 10 before the break.

Port took under a minute at the start of the second half to net their 11th with an Ollie Jennings' effort before Oakman scored another two, followed by Whittaker hitting another hat-trick. Sam Quarrier also got among the scorers, coming up from defence to slot home.

Haddenham Rovers 0 Chesterton Eagles 0 (Haddenham won 2-0 on pens)

BM KEMPTON 9v9 LEAGUE CUP, QUARTER-FINAL

HADDENHAM booked their place in the semi-finals with a hard-fought penalty shootout win over Eagles.

Two evenly matched teams produced an entertaining game in difficult conditions.

In a match of few chances, both teams had dominant patches, but both keepers were equal to all that was thrown at them as the game moved into extra time. Eagles were more dominant in the extra period, but Josh Lowe's last-minute free kick nearly won it for Haddenham.

The penalty shootout saw Haddenham man-of-the-match Will Darlington saving all Chesterton's spot kicks, while Charlie Tunnell and Matt Wright converted theirs to put their side through.

» Rugby Union

It's good news for Tigers – on and off pitch

ELY have received a new year boost year after being awarded a grant from the Eastern Counties RFU to install floodlights at their Downham Road pitch.

Skipper Mark Mitzman said: "Eastern Counties want to use Ely as one of their centres of excellence.

"They want us to get to the position where we can host Eastern Counties training and matches.

"We have wanted to put in floodlights for a long time and we applied for funding before, and were offered an amount of money towards it, but for one thing or another it didn't come to fruition."

Ely director of rugby Wayne Marshall applied again last year, and this time their bid was successful.

"Wayne pursued it again as an option for us and Eastern Counties were very keen for us to do it," said Mitzman.

"They have awarded us the money for the full funding, so will be essentially putting in six floodlights for us.

"It's marvellous news for the club as it gets it more into the spotlight.

"We will now be able to train and see what we're doing!"

The news gave the Tigers just the fillip they needed on Saturday as Ben Forteath's drop goal three minutes from time saw them secure only their second win of the season, beating derby-rivals Cantabrigian 10-8 in Eastern Counties One.

Delighted man: Ely Tigers' captain Mark Mitzman.

After a big drive from the Cantabs forwards, James Setchell got the scoreboard going with a penalty.

Ely responded as a clever move by the Tigers' backs saw Forteath chip the ball deep into the Cantabs 22 and winger Sheridan Mead gave chase and chipped on again before diving on the ball to touch down, and Forteath added the extras.

After the break, Ely allowed Cantabs to take possession from a line-out, and drive over the line to lead 8-7.

With defences on top, play was quickly quashed, but with three minutes remaining, Ely worked a line-out move infield, and from the ensuing ruck, Forteath struck the ball through the posts.

Mitzman said: "This was exactly the game we needed after the prolonged break.

"I have been saying that things would come together soon enough and everything clicked.

"We have worked hard to gel as a squad and it has finally paid off.

"This confidence boost will only spur the players on and I'm sure we have now turned the corner."

His Cantabs' opposite number Warren Cowan said: "Our forwards did all right and competed well, but our problem was the referee was not refereeing really.

"A bit of ill-discipline set in as we were not getting penalties when we should have been and people lost their concentration.

"They stuck to their game-plan, did it well and deserved it really.

"We came away very disappointed as it was a game we should have won."

» Athletics

Coach Rutherford raps seniors

BOTH Ely Runners senior and junior teams were looking to improve their positions when they competed in the fourth of the six-stage Frostbite Friendly Winter League multi-terrain race at Ramsey.

On a cold sunny morning with biting wind, the seniors failed to field a competitive team, however, the juniors continued to go from strength to strength.

In the senior race, over five miles, Alfredo Verna was 25th in 32min 26sec, Max D'Ayala 28th (32.35), Stephen Howard 64th (34.57), Stephen Hardwick 140th (38.01), David Mould 149th (38.19), Steve Collet 150th (38.21), Ian Rutherford 155th (38.29), Heidi Frochmont 214th (40.42) and Melanie Fisher 225th (41.05).

With the first seven men and three women to score, Ely could only field two ladies on the day. Others, who ran for Ely were Tony Kirby-Cook 173rd (39.09), Martin Courtney 213th (40.40), Adrian Stokes 216th (40.49) and John Turner 269th (43.30).

There were 404 finishers altogether, leaving Ely to maintain 10th place overall after being 13th of 17 teams on the day.

Ely juniors fared better, fielding their strongest team so far, including debutantes Robyn Seabright, Charlie and Nick Staaf and Louis McGee.

The one-and-a-half-mile course was all on grass surface, and, with the first five to score of which one must be a girl. The overall winner was Olie McGlashen (Riverside Runners) in 8.46.

Of the Ely contingent, Seabright was 27th in 10.58. Charlie Staaf was 34th (11.16), Nick Staaf 39th (11.36), Alexander Ellwood 42nd (11.38), Nathen Pennington 50th (11.49), Molly Butler 67th (12.29), Fraser Crossman 69th (12.30), Esme Wright 72nd (12.39) and McGee 83rd (12.57). There were 124 runners

Ely club coach Alan Rutterford said he was very disappointed at the small turnout from the seniors.

"After taking a respectable second place in the Round Norfolk Relay before the Frostbite started, and after coming second in the Frostbite last year, all the other teams were literally running scared of Ely," he said.

"However, we haven't been turning out for some reason and it's getting quite embarrassing being a top Cambridgeshire team competing with the smaller teams."

» Bowls

City miss 'big guns' but shoot through to last four

CITY OF Ely took on a strong side from Egham, Surrey, in the quarter-finals of the Denny Cup on Saturday.

Playing at the neutral venue at Northampton and without the services of Nicky Brett and Greg Harlow, who were competing in the world championships, it was left to the rest of the squad to ensure a place in the next round and Ely did not disappoint.

Ely got off to a flier. Ian Brown's rink of Derek Rains, David Pleasance and Wayne Bailey picked a five on the first end, and, with Jamie Reynolds (pictured) also collecting five shots on his second end, Ely opened up a commanding lead.

After five ends, the overall score was an astonishing 35 shots to nine.

The signs were ominous for Egham, whose team, included brothers Barry and Ian Jenkins and Steve Fortescue, all highly-ranked bowlers.

But, the Surrey team struggled to come to terms with their opponents, although they did try to make a game of it with a minor revival.

At 15 ends, the overall score was a much more respectable 78-45, but, by then the damage Ely had done was irretrievable.

Special mention to Reynolds and his rink of Mark Smith, supersub John Alexander and Ian McWhinney, who simply demolished the opposition and ended up enjoying a 30-9 win with two ends to spare.

Egham eventually conceded the match with Ely winning on all four rinks and by 97 shots to 51 and duly booking a place in the semi-final, to be played on March 21at Kempston BC, Bedfordshire.

Rink scores (Ely skips first): A Easy 25 D. Simpson 19, A Ware 19 B Jenkins 10, I Brown 23 S Fortescue 15, J Reynolds 30 I Jenkins 9.

LITTLEPORT & DISTRICT DOMINO LEAGUE

Results: Anchor 3 ExServicemans D 15, Ex-Servicemans E 8 Ely Beet Club 10, Ex-Servicemans C 11 Hiams 7, Royal Standard 6 West End B 12.

LATEST TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Hiams	10	5	3	2	107	73
Ex-Servs D	10	5	3	2	102	78
Ex-Servs C	10	5	4	1	100	80
Ex-Servs E	10	5	2	3	96	84
Ely Beet	10	6	1	6	89	91
West End A	9	4	2	3	88	74
Anchor	10	4	2	4	88	92
Soham Comrades	9	2	1	6	79	83
West End B	10	2	0	8	74	106
Royal Standard	10	1	0	9	59	121

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Delight for Tigers – on and off pitch

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» **Bowls:** Prestigious title realises life's ambition for Ely's Greg

Right champion: City of Ely's Greg Harlow holds up the Potters Holidays World Indoor Singles Championship trophy. CP

Harlow is on top of the world!

"IT'S what I've been playing for all my life," said Greg Harlow after beating Scottish qualifier Stewart Anderson in straight sets in Sunday's final of the Potters Holidays World Indoor Singles Championship to win the flagship World Bowls Tour title for the first time.

The 41-year-old fifth seed from the City of Ely club made a great start against the young Scot, who had become the first qualifier to reach the world final at Hopton-on-Sea's Potters Leisure Resort after despatching a succession of higher-ranked players, including world No 1 and record five-time world champion Alex Marshall.

After Harlow took the first set by a single shot, it was nip and tuck throughout the second with Anderson twice taking the lead.

But a significant turning point came for the Englishman in the eighth end when he scored a triple to move 8-3 ahead – and two winning ends later saw Harlow celebrating his 9-8, 10-3 victory.

"I felt my tactics of using a variety of short-length jacks were spot on – I didn't want Stewart to get into the rhythm we'd seen him get into all week, and that worked," said Harlow. after exhibiting his now trademark cartwheel on the rink on the way to picking up his winner's cheque for £28,000.

"I didn't let him play the way he wanted to.

"I thought today was very workmanlike – I just grinded and grinded it out, and that's the way I planned it.

"But, I don't think either of us dominated the game.

"Stewart has been sensational throughout the tournament.

"Winning this is the highlight of my career – it's what I've been playing for all my life, ever since I started."

When asked about the cartwheel, though, Harlow said: "I'm going to be in trouble with my wife Kay for that – because she said 'whatever you do, you're too old to do a cartwheel'."

Anderson – who will hope that his remarkable Potters performance will elevate him to the world top 16, with automatic entry to all World Bowls Tour ranking events next season – was downcast afterwards.

"I didn't put him under enough pressure with my first bowls," said the 24 year old from Ayrshire, who was bidding to become the second youngest player to win the title.

"I knew Greg would play short – but I was confident.

"But I've no complaints – Greg was the better player."

» **Football:** Latest on the Green and Robins

Benjamin left to ponder as twin strikes hit Soham

Burnham 3
Soham Town Rangers 0
ZAMARETTO LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE MIDLANDS

A BRACE of goals in the space of three minutes cost Soham dear as they tasted defeat at high-flying Burnham on Saturday.

Ian Benjamin's side looked the better side for much of the first half, but some sloppy defending in the 35th minute enabled the hosts to take the lead.

A second followed three moments later and any hope Rangers had of getting anything out of the game disappeared.

Deakan Napier and Richard Gammon had chances in the second half but were unable to take advantage. The hosts were awarded a penalty just after the hour after a foul by Charles Libam, but Ian Pledger pulled off a fine save to give Rangers hope.

They were unable to take advantage though and a third goal did eventually arrive in the closing minutes.

A frustrated Benjamin said: "It was really disappointing to concede two goals in the space of three minutes.

"We did really well for the first half an hour. Burnham are a decent side and we matched them.

"But when we don't score the first goal our heads go down a bit and we make bad decisions.

"We did that on Saturday and it cost us."

■ The Greens are due to return to league action on Saturday when they face a vital match against Barton Rovers at Julius Martin Lane, kick off 3pm.

The Bedfordshire team are currently second from bottom of the table, while Soham are just two places above them.

Warren saves point for City

Hadleigh Utd 3 Ely City 3
RIDGEONS LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION

DENNIS Lightning was ultimately pleased to see his City side come back and secure a point on Saturday, although there was disappointment at having thrown away a two-goal lead.

Goals from Lee Dixon and Robbie Mason gave City an early 2-0 advantage but the hosts scored two quick goals to level at the break.

Hadleigh took the lead 10 minutes into the second half, but with 10 minutes remaining Simon Warren headed home from a corner.

"It was probably a good game to watch for the neutrals," said Lightning.

"We certainly should have won the game and their keeper was the man of the match."

The Robins are scheduled to return to Ridgeons League action on Saturday when they entertain Histon reserves at the Unwin Ground (3pm).

On target: Robbie Mason, scorer of one of Ely City's goals.

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